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Celebrity spotting in Haliburton

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Staff Reporter

The New York Times might have dubbed Muskoka, "The Malibu of the North," but Haliburton County is proving to be a hot-spot for celebrities to live or vacation as well.

Mike Myers, Colin and Justin and numerous sports stars have been vocal about their spots in the Highlands in the past, but some stars have been able to skirt much attention while enjoying the area lakes.

The Huffington Post recently took an interest in Haliburton when television personality, fashion editor and writer Jeanne Beker posted a photo of herself and supermodel Kate Moss in a canoe on an area lake to her Instagram account. "And this is the kind of week it's been!" reads the late-September post from Beker. She also posted a scenery shot and a photo of herself celebrating Rosh Hashanah on the dock, both tagged with Haliburton as a location.

Grammy-award winning singer Carrie Underwood and NHL player Mike Fisher caused a stir on Haliburton's main street this past summer, when the couple was spotted visiting the downtown area.

"He came in and bought a tube that you pull behind your boat," said JoAnne Sharpley, at JoAnne Sharpley's Source for

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Getting in the spirit

Eight-year-old Fallon Thorn of Carnarvon has her fortune told after marching with more than 60 people dressed as celebrities, zombies, vampires and ghouls for the annual Haliburton Halloween Parade and Zombie Walk on Saturday, Oct. 28. More on page 16./ DARRREN LUM Staff

Gas tax money doesn't cover start-ups, council hears

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The province's gas tax program provides municipalities with money for transit, but does not fund start-ups or pilot projects.

Haliburton County councillors got a crash course in the program's details from county planner Charsley White during an

Oct. 25 meeting.

White had requested details on the program from the province, and that the provincial government send a representative to the county to give a presentation and answer questions.

The province sent a slideshow with details, which White presented to councillors.

The Ontario Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program began

in 2004, intended as an ongoing source of funding for Ontario municipalities to put toward transit. In 2013, legislation was passed to make funding of two cents per litre permanently dedicated to the program.

Earlier this year, the province passed legislation to increase that amount to four cents per litre by the 2021/22 fiscal year.

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Gas tax program designed with cities in mind, Devolin says

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Since it began, the program has allotted \$3.8 billion in transportation funding to Ontario municipalities, including nearly \$335 million for the 2016 fiscal year.

Funds can be used for both capital and operational expenses. In order to qualify, municipalities must indicate a commitment to annual financial support of a transportation system. The funds a municipality receives from the province are not to exceed 75 per cent of a municipality's own spending on transportation.

The amount of gas tax funding municipalities receive is based on a formula which is 70 per cent based on ridership and 30 per cent based on an area's population.

While pilot projects and start-ups are not eligible for funding, if a municipality indicates it is creating a new, permanent transportation service, that service may be eligible for funding.

If Rural Transportation Options Haliburton County, a committee that is working on a community transportation pilot project came up with a proposal for a transportation system, for example, it is possible that transportation system may be eligible for gas tax funding.

Under the program, funds are transferred to municipalities to be held in a dedicated account, and municipalities must report regularly to the Ministry of Transportation.

Minden Hills Mayor and County Warden Brent Devolin expressed skepticism over the program, saying it was yet another instance of provincial programming that is designed with cities in mind.

"This is a perfect example of urban versus rural policy roll-out," Devolin said, adding the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, which represents 13 municipalities in the eastern part of the province, has asked the province for more equal distribution of the gas tax increase across Ontario.

"It certainly offers no significant solutions," Devolin said, adding he wasn't surprised a representative from the ministry didn't both making the trip to the county.

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Lions Club pitches craft beer festival

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton and District Lions Club is hoping to host a craft beer, food and music festival in Head Lake Park next summer.

Members of the club visited Dysart et al council during an Oct. 23 meeting.

"These are becoming very popular," Ray Howlett told councillors, pointing to the proliferation of craft breweries and craft beer festivals in Ontario in recent years, including a successful festival in nearby Bobcaygeon.

Howlett said craft brewers are interested in attending

such festivals as a means of promoting their product.

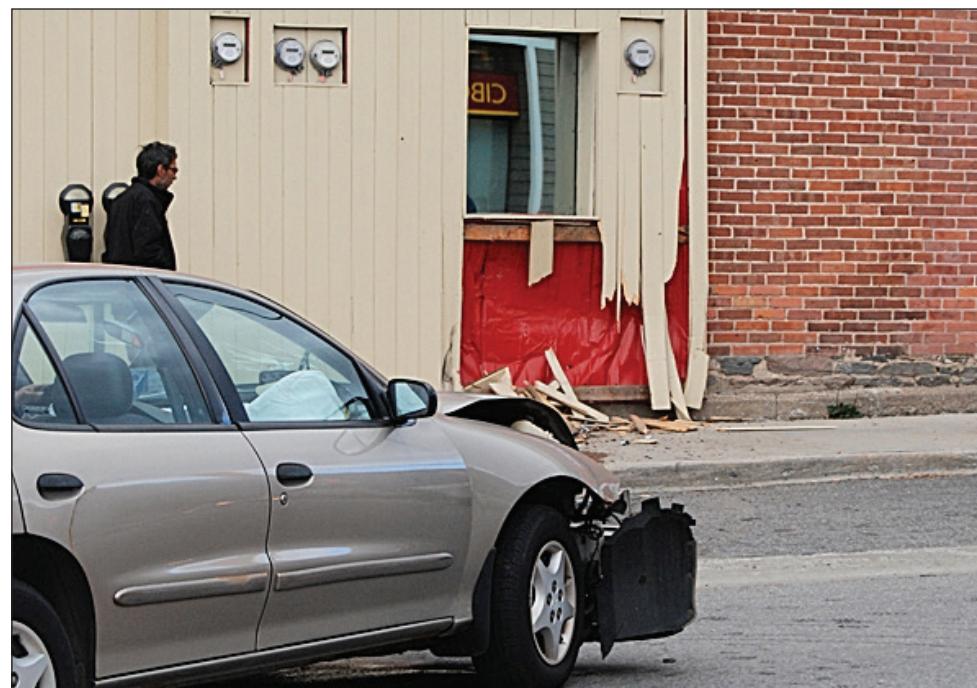
There are now hundreds of craft breweries in Ontario

The club is also hoping to attract a number of food trucks to the event, which would also feature live music throughout the day.

It would be held on a single day, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 7.

"We haven't done a whole lot on it," Howlett said. "It's preliminary. We can and will bring more information to you as we get it."

Councillors seemed supportive of the idea, with Councillor Susan Norcross suggesting that cider breweries, not just beer breweries, be invited to attend.



Car drives into hardware store

Police charged a 93-year-old woman with failing to drive in the marked lane after an accident on Wednesday, Oct. 25 in Haliburton. The woman was parking her car on Maple Avenue near the intersection of Highland Street when she accelerated across the opposite lane and into Walkers Home Hardware. Her car also struck a parked car. The woman was taken by Haliburton paramedics to the hospital with minor injuries. /JENN WATT Staff

Phone/internet interruption 'a wake-up call'

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

County councillors are calling an Internet and telephone outage that affected Bell customers in the central part of the county earlier this month a wake-up call, highlighting the fragility of the community's communications systems.

From the late afternoon of Tuesday, Oct. 17 until Saturday, Oct. 21, service was disrupted or spotty in an area west of Cedar Avenue in Haliburton Village, extending to Ingoldsby, Donald and other areas.

Along with homes and businesses, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, the elementary schools in Haliburton Village and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services site were all affected, although HHHS was able to keep at least one, main phone line open.

"It raised some issues that I think we should be looking at," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, adding this included municipalities and telecommunications companies having proper contacts for one another.

Fearrey noted that for those who don't use cellphones or other wireless technology, when landlines are down, they essentially lose contact with the outside world.

"People have their alarm bracelets, especially seniors, and they have landlines and we don't know where they are," he said, adding a similar situation could be caused by an ice storm, for example.

"I think it was a bit of a wake up call for all of us."

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— Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey

Fearrey said.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt agreed, saying the situation reinforced the need for municipal emergency plans.

"Nobody knows that municipalities are engaged in emergency management to the degree they are," Moffatt said. "People laugh and scoff at the 72-hour preparation thing . . . There were probably people all over Haliburton County who had no access to emergency medical care."

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said the incident highlighted the need for better wireless connectivity to the internet in the community, which provides a backup means of communications in such situations.

NFTC, an internet company, was in the process of installing fibre in Haliburton when the outage happened.

"Our team followed our standard procedures to identify existing underground utilities, which involve engaging a third party service provider, but unfortunately the line that was hit was not identified when the locates were done," NFTC vice-president Grant Roughley told the paper.

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Carrie Underwood, Kate Moss among stars sighted

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Sports on Highland Street. "He actually went up the ladder to help take the tube down off the ceiling because it was one-of-a-kind and the last one left."

Sharpley, who knows Fisher, said her staff instantly recognized the Peterborough-born Nashville Predators forward, who recently retired after 17 years with the NHL.

"And one of our staff had just gone to Foodland and came back dumbfounded and in shock because Carrie Underwood was at Foodland," said Sharpley. "She was like, 'oh my gosh, she's more beautiful in person.'"

Sarah Polley is reported to be a returning customer at Aprons & Soaps, also on Highland Street in Haliburton. Angelika Walter, owner of the kitchen and bath shop, said she recognized the acclaimed actress, writer and director when she came in, but didn't approach her until the second time she was browsing in the store.

"She was cool about it," said Walter, who is a fan of Polley's work. "We chatted about our kids. It was nice."

A parade of Canadian celebrities including Rachel McAdams, Catherine O'Hara, Dallas Green, Leah Miller and Lloyd Robertson have visited Rhubarb, according to Terri Mathews-Carl.

And Rusty Rustenburg, VP marketing and education for Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association confirmed that in

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She was cool about it. We chatted about our kids.

— Angelika Walter

2007, Beyoncé Knowles herself visited the Fish Hatchery on Gelert Road.

He's searched the guest books at the time and doesn't see her signature, but said that David Flowers got a call from staff at that time saying, "Beyoncé's in the building."

Rustenburg said his research shows that Beyoncé worked on the movie *Goldmember* with Myers, who cottaged in the area, and she performed at the Air Canada Centre on Aug. 15 in 2007. "I sort of put two and two together," he said.

Sharpley hopes the celebrities are here to stay.

"I hope so," she laughed. "I hope they come here for all of their summer toys."



A long line of customers stretched into the parking lot at Sears in Haliburton on Thursday, Oct. 19. Thursday was the liquidation sale for Sears, which is closing along with all other stores across Canada. Owners of the Haliburton store, Adrian and Wendy Vargas, said they are weighing their options going forward and haven't yet made a decision about what they will do next. /JENN WATT Staff

Sears closing date Nov. 20

JENN WATT

Editor

About a month remains before the Sears Haliburton store will be closed entirely.

Adrian Vargas, who runs the store with his wife Wendy, said since the liquidation sale began on Oct. 19, they've been inundated by shoppers. They've also been overwhelmed by well-wishing customers, who came in to support them.

"Some have been in tears," he said.

On the first day of the sale, there were 100 cars in the parking lot with a long line of shoppers leading from the front door.

"You'd think it was a Rolling Stones concert," Vargas said.

The family hasn't settled on what's coming next, but he said they intend to remain in the Highlands, a landscape and community they love.

Customers have until Friday, Nov. 20 to do their final shopping.



Coming together through music

The Haliburton Opera Studio's composer-in-residence Andrew Balfour crouches and gives instructions to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students in Grade 9, 10 and 12 (instrumental music and drama) during an afternoon presentation on Monday, Oct. 23 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Balfour, a Winnipeg-based composer of Cree descent, worked with the students to understand and feel the power of music through a series of exercises. It was held in the interest of the goal for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Canada - a call to action to repair the relationship between Indigenous people and the rest of Canada. On the same day Balfour also hosted a presentation for 27 middle-school students in the library at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. He came to the area in August to work on Mishaabooz's Realm (La Domaine de Michabous), which was funded by the Canada Council and the New Chapter and Canadian Heritage 150 Fund. He stepped in for Barbara Croall, who withdrew from the project due to family health reasons. /DARREN LUM Staff

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After four decades with HHHS, Fearrey retires

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Staff Reporter

When Peter Fearrey was just a teenager, he left school to help his family out. Though his mom was disappointed, she drove Peter, who had just finished Grade 10, to Hyland Crest.

"In those days, if you were a good worker, you had a job," said Fearrey. "I asked my mom to give me a car ride to Hyland Crest. They had a big lawn – I thought, if nothing else, maybe they'd let me cut the grass."

Fearrey began working as an orderly with the male residents at the long-term care facility in 1974.

Forty-three years later, he's retiring from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services as director of facilities and projects.

"It was the best car ride my mom ever gave me," he said.

As an orderly, Fearrey loved hearing stories about Algonquin Park and canoe building that the residents shared, but after less than two years in the position, he took on a role as maintenance lead that brought increased responsibilities over the years – everything from heliport manager to project liaison to water plant operator to environmental supervisor.

"As much as I had on my plate, it made it easier," he said. "Because if somebody gave me a phone call for a troubleshoot, I've probably had something to do in my career with it, to think about how are we going to get this equipment, or get through this emergency."

After years of experience culminating in the director of facilities and projects role, Fearrey said education is always ongoing, and so through the years he was able to complete his high school education and a diploma in clinical administration as well as countless courses and certification.

"As I got going through my career, I decided, I know there's going to be an opportunity sometimes where I can possibly qualify myself to apply for a different position, and that's when I really took the initiative to go forward with my education."

In decades of employment with HHHS, Fearrey has seen tremendous change – he's seen amalgamation of services, worked with 10 CEOs, and been a major contributor as facilities grew. He evaluated and took inventory at the old Red Cross hospital in Minden, and also worked through renovations, additions, refurbishing and construction of new facilities, including the Community Support Services building in Haliburton and GAIN building in Minden.

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I don't call them my staff, I call them my family.

— Peter Fearrey

"I had a real opportunity to know where every nut and bolt was," he said. "We had to keep facilities operational. I would go in with contractors and read the plans and take a look at what direction we had to go to still provide service while construction was happening."

Kellie Churko, manager of health information services and privacy and FOI co-ordinator at HHHS has worked with Fearrey for 17 years, and said his accomplishments are too numerous to mention. "The growth of this organization has been enormous and it happened so quickly," she said. "With the addition of so many different services, we have acquired more properties to accommodate them which all must be maintained. The knowledge Peter has about the inner workings of this entire organization is immeasurable."

This knowledge of infrastructure, the teams that work within the buildings, the equipment that is used in each room and the workings of patient care was evident recently when Fearrey took on a major flooring replacement at both the Minden and Haliburton hospitals. The project involved removing every piece of equipment in a room and relocating staff, even organizing portable kitchens and moving X-ray machines, while still keeping operations running smoothly.

"It was an amazing project with a very sensitive timeline and I met it," he said. "And the only reason I did, shows what you can do when you have an amazing team. Without them it was an impossible project, but it all unfolded beautifully. If we did the offices, we took every piece of furniture out and had to make certain those administrators had a work area. When you're walking through, just imagine those areas that are high traffic – we had to co-ordinate when that would happen. Imagine taking that whole nursing station out of there, but doing it in such a way we could still put together a small nursing station to keep operating."

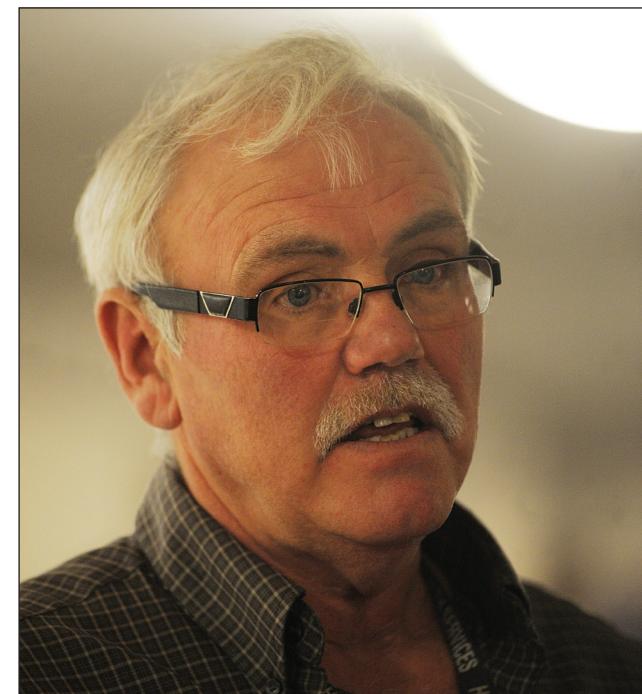
Fearrey's efforts have not gone unnoticed by staff, who speak of his teamwork and support.

"Peter has a big heart, and goes out of his way to try and meet everyone's needs – even when he is extremely busy," said Carolyn Plummer, HHHS CEO. "He recognizes the importance that well-maintained facilities has for all of the people we serve; he consistently reminds his colleagues and his staff that the work they are doing is of value, and is the right thing to do for our patients, residents and clients. He also goes out of his way to understand, appreciate, and support the work that his staff are doing – and he does this by rolling up his sleeves and working alongside them."

His family at home – Fearrey has four daughters – saw first-hand the effort he poured into each project.

"While many of the bigger projects at HHHS were evident, most are unaware that he often worked through the night ensuring projects such as drywalling, painting, and waxing the floors were completed so that the patients, public and residents were not inconvenienced," said Angela Russell, Fearrey's daughter and long-term care worker at HHHS. "He loved working hands-on and did a lot of these projects on his own, with the help of his amazing team of employees."

Another project that Fearrey was instrumental in implementing is the 2010 to 2011 addition of what Cana-



Peter Fearrey retired from Haliburton Highlands Health Services on Oct. 31 after 43 years of service. Fearrey worked his way from orderly to director of facilities and projects over the span of his long career./FILE PHOTO

dian Healthcare Facilities, the journal of Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society called a "ground-breaking energy efficiency project involving solar panels, and geothermal heating and cooling."

The award-winning energy infrastructure project was detailed in a story called "Cottage Country Goes Cutting Edge," and in 2012 resulted in energy savings of \$190,000 and avoided maintenance costs of \$12,000 as well as reduced energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

"We were the first rural area to even venture into green energy because of not being supplied with natural gas or things that would make these types of transitions easy," said Fearrey. "It was not only a contribution toward savings for the hospital, but also something we'd done for the community by holding back all of the emissions. That would be the project I was the most proud of because I spent a lot of time on the research of it. All of this stuff ... was very exciting, not only to be part of it, but to follow it right through to today."

Fearrey is also proud of the palliative care addition, a project that became a goal as he neared retirement.

"This was a massive project that involved a significant amount of work to tie in to our existing building, and involved a lot of stakeholders within and outside of the organization," said Plummer. "Although we had a contractor, Peter was responsible for providing project leadership and oversight – and the project was a huge success."

"The palliative addition ... was for me one of the projects that was exciting because of so much community support," said Fearrey.

Fearrey has been a champion for his colleagues, delegating tasks to help improve efficiency of operations while empowering staff with independence.

"How I look at my staff, I was never a boss, I was one of them," he said. "I was a leader if they needed direction and always listened, but I don't call them my staff, I call them my family. They're dedicated and loyal, the true heroes, a great team and great family." HHHS colleagues are sad to see Fearrey go, but hopeful that retirement will serve him well.

"He deserves the best life has to offer, and now he'll have the time to do just that," said Churko. "It's time for him to take back a little of all he's given of himself in the last 40 plus years and I wish him a long, healthy, happy retirement."

"It's not been boring," said Fearrey. "And when I leave, I haven't left the facilities in any worse shape than when we started maintaining them. I'm walking away quite proud."

After years of a steady flow of phone messages and emails and 1 a.m. pager calls to respond to, Fearrey is keen to disconnect for some time.

"Do you know what I'm really happy about?" he said. "I'm going to take the first month and find myself, because I've worn a pager 24 hours a day for 26 years."

Fearrey hopes to spend time with his horses, who like listening to him, he said, although he noted they might become bored of him after the first week.

"I just want to sit back and enjoy it."

Which of These Costly Homeseller Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Haliburton Highlands Home or Cottage?

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Committee to shorten waits for acute care patients

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Oct. 26 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

Dr. Kristy Gammon, chief of staff, said a committee will be formed to provide leadership on exploring strategies to prevent acute care patients from being admitted to the hospital only to endure long wait times for long-term care placement and identifying strategies to provide better support to those waiting for placement in long-term care.

"Patients who are in our acute care but waiting for long-term care placement, can be admitted for many, many months, and unfortunately don't have access to a lot of the beneficial activities, socialization, pharmacy oversight, etc., etc., that our residents in long-term care get, and that we know help people have a better quality of life," she said.

Gammon said the issue was raised at a medical advisory committee meeting through a letter from Dr. Norm Bottom on behalf of medical staff.

HHHS explores possibility of Youth Hub

Point in Time is one of the community partners working in a collaborative effort with HHHS to possibly initiate an extension of the Haliburton Highlands Rural Health Hub directed toward youth aged 12 to 25. According to CEO Carolyn Plummer, the youth-focused hub would be a "one-stop shop where they can get services, maybe access to some health services but also other types of services that can maybe help them in various aspects of their life, maybe some mental health services, some employ-

ment services, housing, that kind of thing."

"We don't have a lot of details yet but we're definitely exploring it," she said.

Behavioural support funded

A part-time registered practical nurse is being funded through Behavioural Supports Ontario to help support the care of residents at Highland Wood and Hyland Crest with responsive behaviours. According to Plummer's CEO report, the support and programming is implemented "through assessment, intervention strategy planning, implementation and evaluation, care plan updates, supporting admission, behavioural care planning and transitions, and building behavioural support capacity within the two homes."

"A lot of the behavioural support work has been taking place in our two long-term care homes but it's work we've been trying to do without that dedicated support, and financial resource, so we're quite excited that we finally have the opportunity to have someone dedicated to that," said Plummer at the meeting. She praised Michelle Douglas and April DeCarlo for their work in two years of lobbying for the funding.

Facilities renovated, repaired and updated

The parking lot at the Community Support Services building in Haliburton has been paved, improving accessibility. A pathway that connects the community support services lot to the hospital parking lot was also created.

"It makes for a nice little walking path but also makes accessibility an awful lot easier for folks," said Plummer.

Roof repairs at the Haliburton hospital have begun, while the roof of the Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network (GAIN) building in Minden has been resh-

inged.

The washroom near the Haliburton emergency room at the hospital now has increased accessibility, and a new washroom was installed in the diagnostic imaging area. The acute care shower room was recently redone.

Code grey

Plummer applauded what she called the "fabulous work" of the IT team, management team and staff in responding to the loss of phone service for which a Code Grey was issued at the Haliburton site on Oct. 18. The loss was a result of a damaged phone line that affected the hospital, high school, and several homes and businesses in the Haliburton area. Patient and resident care was not affected during the situation, in which phone lines were redirected through the Minden site.

The Code Grey was declared all clear two days later, on Oct. 20. A follow-up debrief was held last week to determine best practices should a similar situation occur again in the future.

Other items of interest

- More than 200 rural health hub surveys were received, but the survey will continue to be distributed to seek further responses about how, where and why health services are accessed locally. Surveys are available in public spaces including grocery stores and churches as well as online.

- The Minden Healthcare Auxiliary gift shop was recently restocked, and Christmas-themed gifts will be available after Remembrance Day. The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary open house will be held on Dec. 3 with a bake sale and Christmas ornaments available at the gift shop.

- The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary gala held on Oct. 21 raised \$15,000, which will be used for a CBC (hematology) analyzer.

Health unit advocates expanding publicly funded dental care

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Ontario Oral Health Alliance asked the province to expand publicly funded dental care to include adults and seniors on low incomes.

Anna Rusak, a health promoter with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, visited Haliburton County councillors during an Oct. 25 meeting.

"In Canada, a person can walk into a hospital emergency room and get treatment for an infection in every other part of their body, except for the mouth," Rusak said. "And this is because our health-care system does not cover the cost of dental care."

According to a 2014 report called Improving Access to Oral Health Care for Vulnerable People Living in Canada, 17 per cent of Canadians, or roughly six million people, avoid going to the dentist because of the cost.

"And those who have the greatest need for dental treatment for dental treatment also have the hardest time accessing the care that they need," Rusak said. "And the mostly private model of dental care in Canada isn't working for everyone and the problem is only getting worse, with middle-income groups being affected and not being able to afford care, as employer benefits

decrease, and as people lose their benefits as they retire and as the senior population increases. And this is especially a problem in communities like this one, in Haliburton County, where 32.9 per cent of our population is over the age of 65, versus the provincial average, which is 16.7 per cent."

There is some publicly funded dental care happening within the province, and within the county.

Provincially, the Healthy Smiles Ontario provides care for children 17 and younger who come from low-income families.

"That is one program that is working quite well in our province, and I am confident to say there shouldn't be a child left untreated at this point, in Ontario," Rusak said.

Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program also provide some basic dental care, although as Rusak pointed out, this is mostly to get residents out of pain and typically does not include services such as the provision of dentures.

In Haliburton County, the Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic also provides free dental care to those in urgent need who cannot afford dental services.

"Not everyone in need of dental care in the county has access to these services, that relies on donations and volunteers," Rusak said.

The federal government also provides dental programs for Indigenous people, veterans and refugees.

Rusak said the alliance has met with the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP on a number of occasions, and has presented her with signed petitions, which she has tabled in Queen's Park.

"This was part of an Ontario Oral Health Alliance campaign asking the government to expand dental programs to more people," Rusak.

It is estimated that every nine minutes, someone goes to an Ontario hospital with a dental problem, costing the health care system an estimated average cost of \$513 per visit.

In 2015, there were 210 dental-related emergency room visits in Haliburton County, equating to an expenditure of some \$108,000.

"And this was not for dental treatment, but rather, for a prescription for an antibiotic or the offering of a painkiller, which, according to a Toronto emergency doctor, may be a contributing factor in the current opioid crisis," Rusak said.

She added the information she was presenting has been presented to dozens of MPPs across the province.

"We're not asking the government for new money, at first, just to start by redirecting the existing money being spent to pay for, at the very least, a preventative dental program, which would help reduce dental programs, thus saving money in the long run," she said.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Fair

Is there too much to do?

IS IT POSSIBLE to have too much of a good thing?

Over the last couple of weeks, a concert in Minden was cancelled due to low ticket sales and the recent folk society show left the not-for-profit with a \$1,500 deficit.

Those who attend cultural activities in the Highlands will be familiar with the under-appreciated world-class act. A place as small as Haliburton has a hard time drawing the audiences needed to break even on many events, whether it be a Juno-award-winning songwriter or impeccably cast and tirelessly rehearsed theatre production.

Each year, this county offers up literally hundreds of such opportunities. Between opera, summer theatre, little theatre, the blues series, bluegrass festivals (yes, plural!), folk concerts, house concerts, open stages, variety shows, battle of the bands, the classical concert series, there is plenty of opportunity to see live performances any weekend of the year.

We rightly hold our heads high about this abundance of culture. Our population is one that is engaged and enthusiastic – and that goes for arts-lovers and community organizers alike.

But sometimes even with volunteer labour and grant dollars to subsidize the concerts, organizers still end up short. (Not to mention those private businesses that go it on their own, paying full price without outside assistance and taking the losses themselves.)

Reducing supply would likely boost demand – and local organizers are taking that option seriously – but offering less doesn't have to be the solution.

Bringing acts of more interest to a younger demographic would bring out new audiences, as would offering discounted ticket prices to accommodate those with a tighter budget. Other incentive programs and partnerships could

help, but they come with additional pressures on organizers without any guarantees.

Those decisions will be made by the boards, committees and business owners who go to the trouble of bringing incredible entertainment to the rest of us throughout the year.

For those who appreciate the live entertainment – and having that perfect retort when your city friends ask “what is there to do up there, anyway?” – there are some things that can be done.

First, trust local organizers. They know what they're doing. Just because you've never heard of the band, film or play before doesn't mean it won't be good. The people who plan these events bring top talent. Trust them.

Second, buy those tickets and buy them early. Imagine how distressing it must be for someone to book a band only to see a handful of tickets sold the day before. Buying ahead of time often means a discounted price and it gives peace of mind to the organizer. (Plus, the more who buy, the less likely the show will be cancelled.)

Third, remember supporting local performances is an investment. Unlike buying tickets for a performance in Toronto or Ottawa, when you pay to see a musician in Haliburton, you're telling organizers that it's worthwhile to plan more. The more they plan, the more options we all have and the more rich our arts offerings are.

Fourth, talk to the organizers. Did you love that dinner and a movie deal? Did the season's pass discount motivate your purchase? Did you like the later show because it was easier to book a babysitter? Is price keeping you from affording a night out? Let them know. Fine tuning comes with audience information.

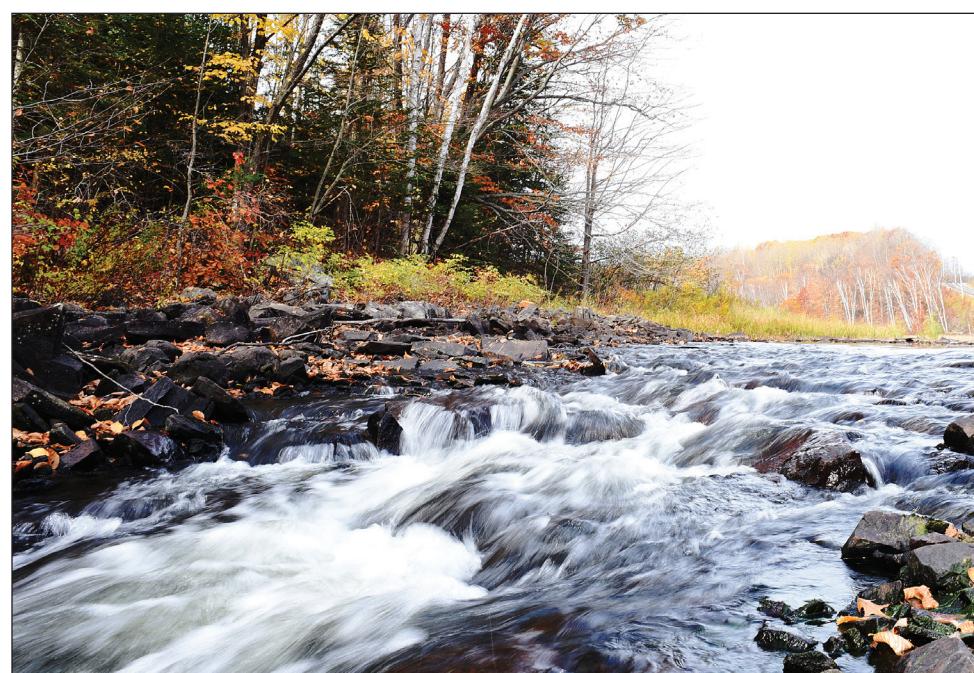
Do we have too much music in Haliburton?

Only if we don't show up.

Editorial



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Autumn stream

by Darren Lum

Playgrounds to playgrounds

FOR THE FIRST seven to eight years of my daughter's life she spent a lot of time at Head Lake Park running around on the playground. It was where she met her friends. She got strong as she ran, climbed and played on the swings.

We parents hung out, chatted and connected while kids played.

I remember when Stuart Baker Elementary School got their new playground equipment and how excited the kids were. Every recess was a race to the pirate ship or the slide.

Kids need places to explore, play, connect and gain confidence physically and socially. We are lucky here in Ontario where there are playgrounds in most, if not all communities. Kids will tell you that they love their playgrounds and they are important.

It was a shock to me when I travelled to Guatemala last April and stayed at The Hermitage (owned by Severin Geser and Emma Carruthers), which is located in a small town called San Pablo. The people living in this village are very, very poor. It took my breath away.

So many things I take for granted in my life were not available to these people.

One thing I observed were the number of children hanging around on the streets during the day. School is expensive for them (\$40 a year) and so many don't attend. I watched kids swimming in the lake with pop bottles tied together with a rope as a flotation device. Malnutrition is a big problem.

We all noticed there was no play-

*Tales from
the great*



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Green meadow

ground for the kids. Emma and Severin told us that they were just about to start raising funds to build a playground for the local children. Their plan included hiring local workers and paying them a fair wage to build the structure, and the mayor of the town has since given them a piece of land to build the playground on.

Emma and Severin plan to give the playground to the children this Christmas. Since April they have raised \$1,500 of the \$3,000 that they need. They started a Go Fund Me page. The funds are sent to Severin's parents in Switzerland and they will ensure the money gets to the project.

I am pretty sure kids in this community would help out if they knew about this project and if they knew how every dollar makes a difference. So I am asking you to talk to your family and consider helping with this initiative. You can read about the project online at www.gofundme.com/playgroundfor-spablo.

You can make a donation on this page, or I am also collecting donations at Blue Sky Yoga Studio / Haliburton Chiropractic until Nov. 15. Every loonie and toonie will help.

Any funds I collect will be sent to the project under the name of the Kids of Haliburton County. I think our kids would be happy to help with this project if they knew about it. Kids want to help kids play. Thank you in advance for any contribution you and your family can make.

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Preparing for Halloween

YESTERDAY, my sister called and asked if I was ready for Halloween.

"I was born ready," I replied.

"You bought a pumpkin?" she said.

"No," I responded.

"You set up spooky ghosts, tombstones and scarecrows on the front lawn?"

"Not a one," I answered.

"Frightening lights and music?"

"Nada," I replied.

"Did you get yourself a goofy costume?" she asked.

"Of course not," I answered.

"Well, did you at least buy candies?"

"We sure did," I said. "And am I ever ready for them!"

"What do you mean by that?" she asked.

My sister lives in a crowded subdivision in a fair-sized city on a main thoroughfare. I, on the other hand, live on the outskirts of Haliburton, which is a comparatively small town, on a street that is uphill and far off the main drag. And because of this we have different ideas of what preparation for Halloween actually means.

In her world, they buy tons of candy for hundreds of trick-or-treaters. In our world, we assume the candies are for us.

Oh sure, we'll share them should some wayward trick-or-treater accidentally show up at our door. But, if the last five years are any indication, there are no children left in Haliburton who are willing to brave the uphill walk.

In fact, my historical record-keeping indicates that we get, on average, 0.42 trick-or-treaters per year, which, we round up to one, mostly because if they actually showed up that way, it would really be scary.

Rounded up or not, I can't tell you

how much pressure that puts on me.

First, it means that I've got to calculate how many bags of candy to purchase based on what one trick-or-treater plus me can eat.

My initial calculations suggest three bags of chocolates with 20 bars per bag are just about right.

That might seem like a lot, but there are other factors at play here.

For instance, is the treat or treater one of those kids who has a hollow leg? In that case, they get two or three candy bars.

Also, if my notes are correct, 75 per cent of the time, they have a sick brother or sister at home – also with a hollow leg – which means we're down four to six candy bars, per visitor.

That leaves us with a narrow margin of error – 54 candy bars.

This seems like quite a surplus but that does not take into account my due diligence prior to Halloween. Call me overly conscientious but I would never hand out candy bars that I have not personally tested first.

That leaves us with a 51 candy bar margin of error. Lucky for the kids, Jenn is also careful and concerned about their well-being, so she also helps with the quality control.

And that leaves us with a mere four dozen.

Based on a one trick-or-treater model, that means we have a 4,800 per cent margin of error with three bags purchased. This seems safe enough provided that the trick-or-treater in question only has one sick sibling.

In my day, we generally had three minimum. With that in mind, we always prepare for the worst.

Then we have to take into account failing memory. Jenn and I forget, often several times in an evening, that we pre-tested those candy bars. So, God bless us, we end up doing our due diligence more than once.

And let's not forget the biological factors that affect the herd.

Not many people know this but, frequently, when chocolate bars gather in large herds there is a mortality that occurs due to natural predation – typically as much as 10 per cent, depending on the status of other food sources (dessert) that night. Interestingly, these numbers can be even higher in my herds that consist solely of my favourite types of chocolate bars.

This also has to be taken into account.

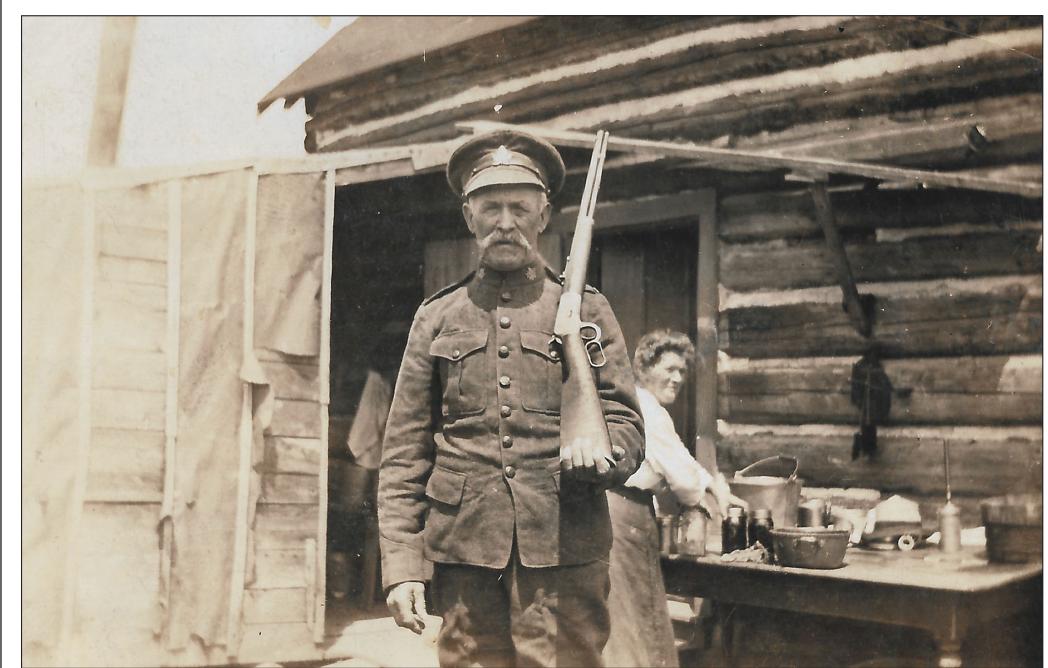
So am I ready for Halloween? Yes, I am.

Unless, of course, two trick-or-treaters show up...



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pic of the past

Peter Tripp and his wife at Denna Lake circa 1900. Photo found in Echo archives with no other details. Do you know more about this picture? Email us: jenn@haliburtonpress.com.

Celebrating Harry Morgan's 25th anniversary with Haliburton Pastoral Charge

More than 90 current and former Haliburton Pastoral Charge members celebrated Harry Morgan's 25th anniversary as HPC pastor on Oct. 21.

HPC includes the Haliburton, Ingoldsby and Lochlin United Churches. Held at Haliburton United Church, the event included speeches, presentations and the occasional roast by HPC members and Reverend Bev Hicks of Northland Faith Church. Long-time friend Kit Greaves, formerly the rector of St. George's Anglican Church, sent a slide message, and Harry's aunt Ev Stata wrote a poem for the occasion. John Miller sang three numbers accompanied by Melissa Stephens on piano.

The celebration of service to HPC by Harry and his wife, Peggy, was preceded by hors d'oeuvres and followed by a buffet dinner, all provided by HPC members.

"It was a very sweet and enjoyable evening," said Harry of the celebration. "I am most thankful for the thoughtful, encouraging and loving

support my family and I have received these past 25 years."

Harry grew up in Minden, attended church at Minden United and was known as Harold until he hit the University of Toronto. His name wasn't the only thing that changed at university. Harry began his first year studying science and math, but God had other plans. As Harry became friends with some young Christian guys, he felt his faith in Jesus come alive. He graduated with his B.A. in 1978 and went on to take his M.Div., finishing in 1984 and becoming ordained the same year. But don't call him reverend – it's just Harry.

He served in Flinton-Cloyne-Harlowe in eastern Ontario and Mid-Laurentian in Rawdon, Quebec before becoming minister for the three-point Haliburton Pastoral Charge in 1992. This means Harry has driven the circuit now known as the "Morgan Mile" almost every Sunday for 25 years.

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Dance comes to the theatre for HIFF

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

This year's film festival will be showcasing dance shorts instead of short films before its featured movies during the three-day event held from Nov. 3 to 5 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

From a collaboration between Haliburton International Film Festival and DH3 (Dance Happens Here Haliburton), there will be six live dance performances staged for audiences, which were all inspired by movies such as *Swing*, *Bring It On*, *A Winter's Tale*, *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* and *Pride and Prejudice*.

DH3 worked with Dusk Dances Inc. back in 2006 to bring the popular by-donation Dusk Dances Festival to Haliburton's Head Lake Park. When the annual festival concluded, DH3 continued to bring professional dance to the public at a variety of events such as Minden's August Moon Festival, the Nutcracker and now HIFF.

DH3 committee member Lynda Shadbolt said bringing dance to the festival allows some who would otherwise not get the opportunity to travel to Toronto to see professional dance performances.

With global tragedies headlining the news, the importance of dance shouldn't be underestimated, she said.

"In this day and age in the world [we need this]. Dance is so beautiful and it's inspiring. It's evocative and just gets into your heart," she said.

Kicking off the dance-shorts on Friday, Nov. 3 will be the premiere of established choreographer Holly Small's new version of *Cheap Sunglasses*, which features dancer Evan Winther accompanied by four musicians. When asked about why *Cheap Sunglasses* was ideal for Haliburton, Shadbolt said the timing fit for both parties. DH3 knew Small planned on taking *Cheap Sunglasses* to the DanceWorks 40th anniversary celebration held from Nov. 16 to 18 so getting an opportunity to stage it at HIFF just prior was ideal for everyone.

It also brings a refined and polished piece created 36 years ago to the community.

This performance will also be staged for a Grade 9 and 10 drama class earlier in the day at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

On Saturday and Sunday, the dance shorts will continue with performances choreographed by locals Julie Barban of Heritage Ballet Studio and Chyna Schell of the Haliburton Dance Academy and then Lochlin resident Sebastian Renel will perform a solo work he choreographed.

Shadbolt said having local choreographers and dancers is integral to bringing a spotlight to local talent and to motivate others.

"We wanted to showcase what the local choreographers were doing and the local kids so we want to increase their profile as dancers in the community, but also we want to bring in outside dance to inspire them," she said.

The local choreographers submitted proposals and receive a small stipend to perform.

Shadbolt said DH3 believes in paying for talent because they respect the skill and work invested in dance.

This event is possible because of private donors and funding from the federal government. Government grants are really important for DH3 and the way the group brings dance to different events has contributed to successful grant applications.

"We just apply for grants. They just love this. It's unique what we're doing. They don't have a lot of com-

munities that are adding dance to existing events. They kind of like that," she said.

DH3 is made up of dedicated members (Amy Brohm, Barb Fraser, Jim Blake, Lynda Shadbolt and Maryssa Danilko), who love dance and meet once a month, discussing ideas to share dance with the community. They appreciate partnerships and collaborative efforts to bring dance. They've also given financial support to bring dance to Haliburton such as lending assistance to the drum festival in Haliburton.

DH3 has also been responsible for bringing in guest performers for the Heritage Ballet Studio's annual Christmas tradition show, *The Nutcracker*.

Last year the group DH3 helped to bring two Ukrainian dancers. This year the plan is to bring four dancers and host a community night with them. They hope to include Ukrainian food.

Getting dancers to come to our community, Shadbolt said, is not a hard sell. "These performers love to come to Haliburton because we're good at hosting. Look at [Hometown Hockey] ... we're good at doing that kind of thing. It just makes the community richer," she said.

For more information about DH3, or to get in touch, email haliburtonyoga@gmail.com.



Lochlin resident Sebastian Renel is airborne during a rehearsal for his *A Short Short Summer* jazz dance performance that will be showcased as part of Dance Shorts at HIFF at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Renel is one of three local choreographers (Julie Barban and Chyna Schell, both using local dance talent) showcasing their talents at Dance Shorts, which includes performances on Nov. 3 to 5.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Morgan regularly plans well-known events

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A member of the Haliburton Ministerial Association, Harry has been a regular co-planner of the Sizzlin' Summer Service in the Park, now in its 11th year, and is closely involved with The Church in Haliburton concept, including multiple annual music nights. He has co-led several winter camps for local youth and held weekly Burger, Beer and Bible discussion nights for the public at McKeck's Tap and Grill for over two years.

Harry married Peggy Roberts of Haliburton in 1979. They have four sons and twin daughters. Their sons and one daughter are married, and Harry and Peggy have four grandchildren.

An avid musician, Harry leads contemporary music services at Haliburton United Church on the last Sunday of every month. He enjoys playing guitar and singing, walking the family dogs in the bush, canoe trips, reading and watching prime-time crime dramas.

*From the Haliburton Pastoral Charge
October 24, 2017*

Harry's great desire is to grow in Christ and help others to do the same. For this reason he says the Haliburton Pastoral Charge mission statement really works for him: "To know Christ and make him known."



Reverend Harry Morgan speaks to Haliburton Pastoral Charge members during a celebration of his 25 years with HPC, as granddaughter Diana stays close to her pal./Submitted by Haliburton Pastoral Charge



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Mrs. Kowalski, played by Amy Brohm and Clyde, the prince of Denmark, played by Victoria Bingham, share a scene in a rehearsal for *Cut*. The Highlands Little Theatre production of the one-act play was about a cast of characters who have been cut from plays, such as Clyde, the brother to William Shakespeare's Hamlet, or Fiddleditch, a butler who has been the butler cut from every Oscar Wilde play. *Cut* was directed by Michael Clipperton. Performances, which were preceded by live entertainment, were held Friday and Sunday at the museum./DARREN LUM Staff



Joey, played by Robbie Hall, left, stands with Nippeltitus, played by Kate Butler, Fiddleditch, played by Guy Pritchard, Mrs Kowalski, played by Amy Brohm and Clyde, the prince of Denmark, played by Victoria Bingham.



Nippeltitus, played by Kate Butler, listens to Clyde, the prince of Denmark, played by Victoria Bingham with Fiddleditch, played by Guy Pritchard, looking on at right.

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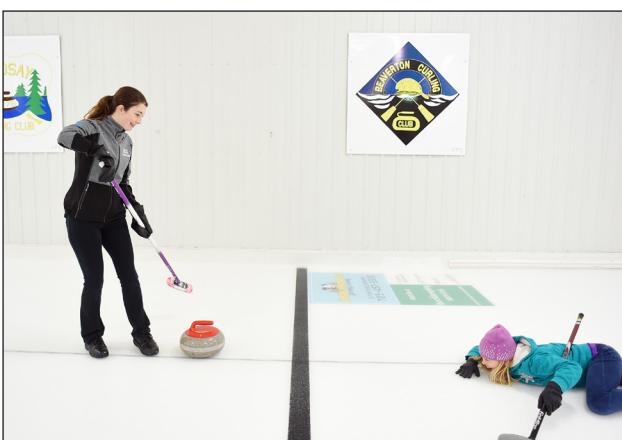


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Above, the Haliburton Curling Club's youth program has 32 participants for its youth curling night held every Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. There are adult volunteer coaches and youth coaches helping. Children not only get transported from their school to the club, but also have access to all equipment, receive instruction and a snack. For the first time, the club is also offering youth in high school an opportunity to receive coaching and curling time on Fridays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Left, youth volunteer coach Mackenzie Tidey smiles, as a young youth night participant lies sprawled on the ice. Above left, youth volunteer coach Micah Aldom helps a young curler throw a rock.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Club continues to share passion for sport

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There is a saying in life that it takes a village to raise a child.

When it comes to curling in Haliburton the same logic applies, except it takes a family to raise a curler.

This past Tuesday the Haliburton Curling Club's family of adult and youth volunteer coaches were engaged with 32 young budding curlers from Grade 4 to

8, passing on their passion and teaching the basics for a foundation for a lifelong love affair with Canada's other unofficial national sport, curling during the youth curling night.

Over 20 weeks this year, the elementary school aged children will be taken by bus from their school a few kilometres away to the club where they not only receive a snack, and curling instruction on basics such as throwing a rock and sweeping, but also develop safe habits and skill for the sport and for life.

While standing on the pebbled ice surface under the fluorescent lights, Haliburton Curling Club member and volunteer coach Hugh Nichol smiles, remarking how little he was needed at this youth night because of the five capable high school aged coaches, mature beyond their years, and eight adult coaches, including him.

After five years as a volunteer coach (and now the club's youth convenor), Nichol said the youth club offering "is an opportunity for kids to learn a sport they can play the rest of their lives. I want them to have fun. I want them to enjoy and love the sport of curling and learn the importance of teamwork because curling is all about teamwork," he said. "I always tell the kids that I coach that it takes four of you to make a shot."

Nichol said this offering is owed to the volunteers, who are the adult members, the youth curlers (who receive volunteering hours for graduation from high school) and also the financial donations from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, which just donated \$1,500 for assistance with transportation costs associated with the bus that brings the children.

For the first time, the curling club is offering youth in high school an opportunity to receive instruction on a weekly basis, which is every Friday from 4 p.m. to 5:30.

When asked where the idea for a Friday night for teens came from, Nichol said it's part of the process.

"It's just a natural progression," he said. "When you build the base and get young kids involved – not all will continue to play in high school, but quite a few are."

A Grade 9 student and five-year mem-

ber with the youth club is Micah Aldom, who is passing on everything he knows about the sport. Teaching is rewarding and has given Aldom a greater appreciation for the guidance he received all the years at the club.

"It's a lot harder than the coaches make it look," he said, laughing. "You learn with them a lot."

Even in competitive play, there is a strong sense of community shared with players.

"You can play competitively, but in the end you're always [very respectful and friendly with the opposition] you still have fun," he said.

There is a greater emphasis on basic fundamentals, he said, since he started with curling at the club.

Aldom was part of a team that placed sixth in Ontario at the New Holland Provincial Elementary School Championship.

He played with Jacob Dobson, vice, Logan Malette, second, and Jonah Aldom, lead.

Included among the youth helpers are the four high school girls: Jessica Byers, Mackenzie Tidey, Destiny Wilson-Wells and Lena Haase, who were coached by Nichol since Grade 6. They went on to be finalists at the GORE School Curling Provincial Championship last year, Nichol said.

Nichol really loves how this youth offering generates interest.

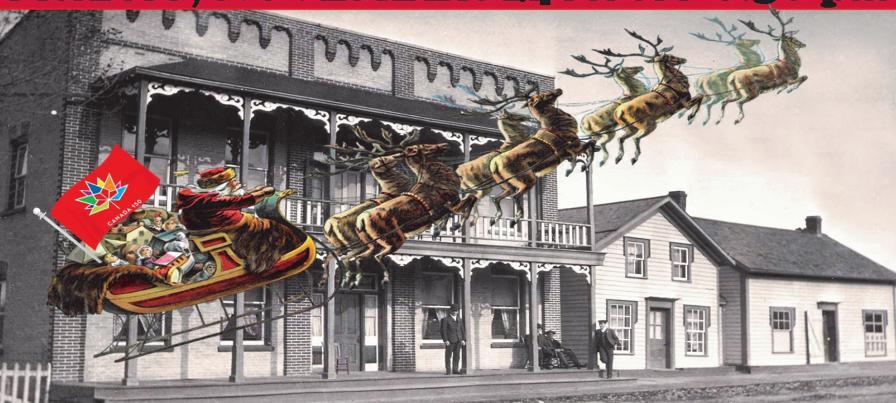
"I see kids coming back after being through the elementary program and then when they're in high school, coming out to [get their volunteer hours] to spend time with kids and to [give] something back," he said.

The first few years the club's youth night drew an average of 25 curlers. This year and last, the club has drawn more than 30, which is a testament to the program's effectiveness.

"I think it says a lot about the program that has been going on for a few years. Obviously, the kids are having fun and that's the key. If the kids don't have fun and enjoy the sport they're not going to come out. It tells us – we can always improve – we must be doing a lot of things right," he said.

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Soap hockey championship to come to Haliburton

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Combine the ubiquitous backyard slip 'n slide with the game of pond hockey and you've got the makings of a hilarious new hybrid sport coming to Haliburton's Head Lake Park this summer Canadian National Pond Hockey Championship event organizer John Teljeur.

The concept of soap hockey is straightforward, but the visual spectacle is unforgettable with the unpredictability of bare-foot players on a slippery surface (of a commercial grade tarpaulin) created by soap suds. The game's objective is for players, who use modified hockey sticks, to make an attempt to outscore their opponents (a team of three players) on a surface close to the size of a backyard swimming pool.

Teljeur said the first time he saw a video clip of soap hockey knew he had an idea worth getting behind and showcasing in Haliburton.

"This could be huge. There's no reason

even that features a hybrid sport, combining downhill ski-cross with skating on a roller-coaster ice track, showcased at night in urban centres such as Ottawa. Red Bull ave thrown their support to this summer hockey event understanding the potential for greater reach, he said.

He said this organized three-day event is going to be called the World Soap Hockey Championship. It will include live music and is scheduled the weekend after the Canada Day weekend, traditionally a weak period for accommodators, he said.

There is great potential in this sport, he said. Teljeur likens it to the example set by Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, where the start of competitive pond hockey took off and has spawned many other versions like Haliburton's.

Although there have yet to be registered teams, Teljeur expects up to 80 teams to be part of the competition. The event is scheduled to be held from July 6 to 8. The website is live, but the registration option is still a work in progress and is expected soon. See website at <https://www.soaphockey.ca>.

"The tag line is: good, clean fun," he said. "It's hockey and entertainment all rolled into one that you can do in the summer time and have fun doing it. I can easily imagine – it's in bare feet too – I can easily imagine people in their bathing suits running out there with their helmets playing a bit of hockey. How great is that?"

The video link was sent to him by a friend, who has planted other seeds of opportunity.

During the organization of the upcoming CNPHC winter event, he saw the soap hockey video again with friend and business associate and Amazing Agency owner Jim Love, who laughed hysterically while watching it.

"This goofy video. That's the catalyst for all of this," Teljeur said.

They both saw this as an opportunity to take advantage of the interest expressed through the CNPHC surveys over the last few years, which consistently indicated that more than 70 per cent of respondents from the field of pond hockey players would return to Haliburton in the summer if given an opportunity.

Teljeur said he has already secured the naming rights and the URL addresses.

He said this event is ideal for the Highlands because it sets us apart from other areas.

"The key to tourism in this area is events are different and unique that we can call our own. Pond hockey is part of that. This event is truly unique. There is nothing else like it. We can be on the very beginning of this thing. There's so many

communities that have more visibility in the marketplace, bigger and deeper pockets for marketing and unless we do things differently than they are we'll never stand out."

He hopes to also have a giant water soap slide, a marketplace, and musical acts each afternoon and evening of the three days.

Held at Head Lake Park, Teljeur calls this the perfect venue for a summer event like his.

and have up to two substitutes. Teljeur said specific rules and how large the playing area is unknown now since there isn't any regulating body for this sport. However he is planning on six to eight "rinks" for the park. Nets from the pond hockey championship will be repurposed for this. The specific equipment (sticks and balls) is being sourced and will be provided with the exception of helmets. There will be four divisions. Two for women and two for men. One will be competitive and the other recreational. Depending on interest, he said, another may be added.

"This is going to be very reactive in how we do this thing," he said.

Like the pond hockey championship, this event will have games held from noon on Friday until Sunday.

There will be a charitable component to the event with proceeds going to causes near and dear to his heart, the Central Food Network (oversees Highlands East Food Hub in Wilberforce, the Cardiff Food Bank and the Haliburton County Community Garden Network), and the Heat Bank Haliburton County. Details are being worked out related to specifics. If there is a need that comes up like the Minden flood, he said, he will be open to adding another charitable recipient.

"As a first time sport, using that video as a reference, how many media people aren't going to want to at least write something about this or talk about this. The World Soap Hockey Championships are in Haliburton? Like that's just too weird to not be covered. We could do a million different things here [but] soap is so weird. 'Well, I got to figure out what this is all about.' It makes us stand out. That's the hope. Hope is soap. Soap is hope," he said.

The World Soap Hockey Championships are in Haliburton? Like that's just too weird to not be covered.

— Teljeur

"Especially a beautiful resource we have here: the town there, the lake there. That thing should be used every weekend to bring people into town," he said.

He commends the Rotary Club of Haliburton and, particularly the Dysart et al municipality for the progressive improvements to the park. This park benefits every organization that uses it, he said.

Conscious of the environment, he's in discussions about sourcing an environmentally-friendly soap.

He has also plans to have portable shower units available on site to ensure players don't rinse themselves in the lake.

Teams will play a three-on-three format

The members of the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary thank all the individuals and businesses for making our "A Taste of Canada" fundraiser a great success.

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Red Hawk rising

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 student Karley Wilson connects with a spike during the Red Hawks senior girls' volleyball team tryouts on Thursday, Oct. 26 in the school's athletic facility. There are 15 players trying out for the team, which is coached by Dan Gimon and will be finalized this week following five sessions. The juniors, who are pictured below, will be coached by Steve Smith. They have 21 trying out and their team will be decided this week./DARREN LUM Staff

Little runners make it big

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

For the first time in close to 20 years, the Red Hawks cross country running team is sending not one, but two of its own to the biggest stage in high school athletics after earning their all-provincial berths at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the Ken Reid Conservation Area in Lindsay.

The elder, Isaac Little, finished eighth in the junior boys field while his younger cousin, Alex, finished fifth among midget boys.

On Nov. 4, the Little boys will compete at the 2017 Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association Cross Country Championships in Petawawa.

The last time the Hawks had a representative at OFSAA was Sean Keaney, who finished 90th in a field of 243 seniors in 2004.

Coach Russ Duhaime said senior runner Sam Longo, who finished 19th, was in seventh place before he "missed a turn." He adds, "I'm confident he should have qualified for OFSAA."

Senior girl Emily Domerchie, who finished 13th, missed qualifying for OFSAA by one place. Her teammate junior boy Jonas Moghini, who finished 14th, is "our most improved runner. He got faster every time out this season."

"Normally, the top 10 runners in each event qualify for OFSAA. The actual formula is the top two five-person teams, plus the top five individuals who are not part of those teams," he wrote in an email.

With files from Russ Duhaime

Other team results

Midget boys: Logan Heaven 27, Jacob Dobson 32, and Brendan Coumbs 41

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Due to space constraints, the following hockey briefs have been edited for length.

Atom A's champs again

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's travelled to Omemee on Thursday, Oct. 26 to face the Kawartha Coyotes. It was a solid win for the Storm who swept the Coyotes with a 10-0 win. Goals scored by Addison Carr, Brechin Johnston, Kadin Card and Joshua Scheffe. Aaron Neave earned a shut-out.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the Atom A's travelled to Marmora for a one-day tournament. The first game was against the Belleville Bulls. The Bulls started the game off with an early goal. However, Cheyenne Degeer came weaving down the ice giving Storm their first goal followed by a beauty goal by Addison Carr. The Storm continued to dominate in the second period with a goal by Austin Latanville and another goal by Addison Carr. But just before the period was over the Bulls scored. The third was a battle between the two teams, Addison scored his hat trick goal, then the Bulls scored. Next Cheyenne Degeer scored her second goal of the game followed by a goal by Mak Prentice and with three minutes left Addison Carr scored his fourth goal making the final score 8-3. MVP was awarded to Addison Carr.

The second game of the day was against the home team the North Hastings Grizzlies. The Highland Storm dominated the game with a 10-1 win. Goals were scored by: Addison Carr, Kadin Card, Austin Latanville, Joshua Scheffe, Mak Prentice and Brechin Johnston. MVP was awarded to our goalie Aaron Neave.

The Highland Storm advanced to the A finals where they played the Lindsay Muskies A team.

Addison Carr scored the first goal early in the first but the Muskies tied it up with 23 seconds left in the first. Then with two minutes left, the Muskies scored and then Addison Carr scored his second goal. The third started with Addison Carr's hat trick goal followed by the Muskies' tying goal. It was a 3-3 game going into four-on-four overtime. This overtime had no goals but a lot of penalties for both teams. Now it was a shoot out.

Our first shooter was Mak Prentice. He scored followed by a goal by the Muskies. Next was Addison Carr, he scored and Aaron Neave made an awesome save so a miss for the Muskies. Last but not least was Brechin Johnston who missed, however Aaron Neave made another spectacular save which meant another miss for Muskies and the Highland Storm Atom A team were once again the A final champions!

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A team host the Elmvale Coyotes at the S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden on Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. and they will travel on Sunday, Nov. 5 to Lindsay to face the Lindsay Muskies A team. Come on out and support this amazing team.

Submitted by Amber Card

Atom AE's play with determination

The G.J. Burtch Construction Highland Storm Atom AE's travelled to Bewdley this past weekend to participate in the Millbrook tournament. Friday night they took on the Lindsay Muskies. They fought hard but were unable to take the win. Saturday they played two more games, one being Essa and the other Mariposa. Both games were fast paced and each team displayed excellent hockey skills. The players put in a valiant effort and played with strong determination. Unfortunately in the end they fell short with two more losses. The Storm players showed heart and perseverance. With every game this group of kids improve and their hard work together as a team will pay

off. We are proud of them! "Hockey players have fire in their hearts and ice in their veins."

Submitted by Lisa Reinwald

Incredible tournament for Midgets

It was a great weekend of hockey as the Highland Storm hosted the Cody Hodgson Fall Classic tournament in Minden. The Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team worked hard and made it to the finals.

That's when they experience their first loss of the season, 2-1 against the Napanee Stars. It began Saturday, Oct. 28 with three games and the Storm team held their winning streak. They played extremely hard and dominated. Letting in only one goal in the three games. Both Carson Sisson and Parker Smolen made some outstanding saves and both took home a shutout. The Storm team skated away with a 5-0 win against the Brampton 45's. Next, they shut down the Napanee Stars 4-0. Then, they beat the Stirling Blues 3-1. That resulted in a semi-final game, Sunday, Oct. 29 against the Millbrook Stars. Once more, the Storm team blew them away with a 7-0 victory. The Storm Midgets met with the Napanee Stars once more in the finals. It was an action-packed game with the Storm team outplaying the Stars. Although they played well, luck just wasn't on their side. It was a 2-1 game, with minutes left. They did everything they could, peppering the goalie with shots but the puck just wouldn't go in and the time ticked away. A massive applause to the entire Storm team for their enormous effort. There were many goals and assists and everyone contributed hugely to the end.

The Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team will be back at it on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 8:30 p.m. in Minden where they will be taking on the Mariposa Lighting.

Peewee girls win against Otonabee

The Leveque Bros/Rock Breakers Peewee girls started the weekend on the road in Otonabee. In a close game the Jets came out on top with a 2-0 win! Goals went to Hailey Hudder and Chloe Billings. Assists to Trinity Dexter and Megan Jenkins.

Back home on Sunday the girls faced off against the Lindsay Links for the first time this year. Hudder finished her weekend off with a hat trick! Including scoring a penalty shot! Trotter was hot to trot this weekend only letting one goal in. Assist went to Sydney Ferguson and Mable McCue-Dixon.

Bantam girls continue to soar on home ice

The Canadian Tire/Parkview Dental Bantam girls Jets took on the Napanee Stars this past Saturday at the NHCC. The Jets played hard and their determination to take the win paid off with a 4-0 victory over their opponents.

Emma Neuman scored the first of the game, with a solid, strong pass right across the front of the net from Jaylin Frost. Not long after, Hannah McMann fired one past the Stars' goalie, assisted by Emily Alexander. Halfway through the second, McMann with a wrist shot, earned her second goal of the game, assisted by Avery Coens. Part way into the third, Beth Brownlee went in for the rebound and secured the final goal of the game for the Jets unassisted.

Sunday afternoon the Jets hosted the Keene Wolverines in Haliburton. The team got on the board early, and Emma Tidey, with a stick to stick pass from Gillian Rosik, used her speed and skating skills to manoeuvre around the Wolverines and raised the puck into the back of the net. McMann added the second goal

of the game and found the top right corner, assisted by Ryan Rupnow. The final goal was scored by Haley Goulet, assisted by Kennedy Croskery. The Jets took the win 3-1.

Bella Smolen earned a shutout and held her own both games.

The girls are on the road this Thursday against Keene, Saturday against Ennismore and Keene again, Sunday, at the NHCC at 1:30 p.m. Come out and cheer them on

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Peewees win exciting tourney

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees headed to Millbrook to play in the Millbrook tournament. The Storm started the tournament with an early game against the Centre Hasting Grizzlies. The Storm started the scoring on a beautiful tic tac toe pass from Aiden Perrott to Cooper Coles with Kyan Hall burying the back hand. The Grizzlies managed to score at the end of the first to tie the game going into the second. The Storm put the pressure on the Grizzlies and Hall scored again assisted by Coles and Perrott. Perrott scored to add to the Storm's lead assisted by Coles and Gage Hutchinson. The Grizzlies netted another to put them within one. The Storm scored again in the third with a goal by Austin Boylan assisted by Zander Upton to put them back ahead by two but the Grizzlies came back to score two to tie the game final score 4-4. The Storm were back on at 11 to take on the hometown Millbrook Stars. The Storm again opened the scoring with Sawyer Boutin scoring his first of the year assisted by Boylan and Kaine Brannigan. The Storm kept the 1-0 lead through the first and kept the pressure on with Boutin netting another on a breakaway unassisted. Hall scored assisted by Upton leading 3-0 going into the third. With a hard shot from the point Hutchinson scored assisted by Hall and Coles to put them ahead 4-0. The Stars scored three quick goals but goalie Taylor Consack kept his team in the game for the 4-3 win.

The Storm set their sights on the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. The Thunder scored two quick goals but the Storm cut the lead in half with a goal by Boutin assisted by Boylan and Brannigan and then tied it up with a goal by Hall assisted by Hutchinson. The Thunder scored at the end of the second to grab the lead again 3-2. The Thunder scored two in the third to take the game 5-2.

The Peewees' fourth and final game of the day saw them face the Cayuga Stars. The Storm took the lead with a goal by Coles assisted by Perrott. The Stars tied it up 1-1 going into the second. In the second on a rush Avery Degeer scored a beauty unassisted for his first of the year. With another blast from the point Hutchinson put in another assisted by Brannigan and Hall to put the Storm up 3-1. Hutchinson scored another assisted by Degeer putting the Storm ahead 4-1 going into the third. The Storm came out flying in the third with a goal by Hall assisted by Degeer.

In the final minutes Cayuga pulled their goalie. Hall shot from our own end to the empty net putting the Storm up 6-1. The Stars netted one more of their own but the Storm held onto the win 6-2. With excellent goaltending by both Damon Harriss and Consack the Storm sat first overall and advanced to the finals on Sunday.

The hometown Millbrook Stars set out to face the Storm once again in the finals. The Stars scored midway in the first and retained the lead throughout the first 1-0. The Storm battled hard but with the Stars on the power play they netted another to take the lead 2-0 going into the third. With goalie Harriss shutting the door on every shot that came his way, the Storm knowing their net was protected went on the attack. Degeer spotted Boylan coming off

the bench hit him with a saucer pass at centre ice. Boylan deked the goalie to put the Storm on the board. Less than a minute later on a rush Hall scored unassisted to tie the game. Both teams battled and battled sending the game into overtime. With a five minute three-on-three overtime both teams determined to win playing as hard as they could.

With the Stars trying to make a rush the puck came free at the Storm blue line with Hall picking it up beating the defenceman and banking it off the post – the Storm win! Congratulations for winning the championship. Next game for the Storm is Saturday, Nov. 4 in Minden at 11 vs the Elmvale Coyotes.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Bantam A's play Hodgson tournament

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo's Foodland Bantam A team were up bright and early this past Saturday in Haliburton to play in the opening game of the Cody Hodgson Fall Classic hockey tournament versus Central Perth.

Storm goalie Ben Landry was tested early on a Perth breakaway and was up to the task however Perth would take a 1-0 lead a few minutes later. The Storm did a fine job killing off the team's first penalty and Aiden Neave having a very strong shift at the end of the first period almost tied the game up. Tyson Clements scored early in the second period on a low hard shot off the post but Perth would regain the lead shortly after on a lovely tip in past a screened Ben Landry.

Unfortunately the Storm were not quite as lucky killing off their second penalty as Perth made it 3-1. Jaxon Gill got the Storm within one on a power play goal but that was as close as our boys would get even with a two-man advantage for the last 30 seconds. Final, 3-2 Central Perth.

The Storm lost 4-0 in their second game of the tournament against the Napanee Stars, but the score is actually not a true reflection of the team's efforts. Unfortunately their slow start from the opening face-off meant the Storm were down 3-0 within three minutes and were forced to play catch up for the rest of the game. Our locals came close near the end of the second period after a spirited shift by the line of Desi Davies, Tim Turner and Cody Switzer. Other than a goal by Napanee late in the third, goalie Nate Miscio stopped everything and fired his way to give his mates a fighting chance. The boys did play a well disciplined game full of some booming body checks by both squads and only got one penalty.

The final game of the day saw the Storm taking on the Stirling Blues. Storm goalie Ben Landry and the Blues goalie made some excellent saves. Desi Davies broke the deadlock with just seconds to spare in the first period with a bar-down beauty to give the Storm a 1-0 lead going into the second period. Sam Hoenow found the back of the net during a goal crease scramble to make it 2-0 Storm early in the middle frame. The Storm thought they had another goal shortly after but Hunter Arnott was robbed on a goal line save.

Jaxon Gill did give the Storm their third goal in the final period on a slapshot along the ice finding the inside of the post. Ben Landry, performing beautifully between the pipes saw his hopes for a shutout dashed when the Blues finally got a shot past him with under two minutes to go. Final score saw our hometown heroes take this match 3-1. The team travels to Millbrook this weekend for another tournament.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Note: The Bantam A team played hard against the Lindsay Muskies on Tuesday. The Muskies won that game 5-3. On Friday evening, they played a warm-up game against the Almaguin Ice Devils where they won 7-4.

Studio creates space for creative expression

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Behind a windowless door in a nondescript building on Industrial Park Road is Visible Voices, an open arts studio bright with colour. On Oct. 15, the room was filled with similarly bright and colourful members of the community who stopped by to show their support as the space celebrated its third anniversary.

In one corner, a visual presentation of community projects – digital memories of individual and group artwork created when people came together at the studio – reminded supporters of the lives touched since 2014 when Visible Voices opened its doors. When they weren't chatting or indulging in desserts, visitors celebrating the anniversary picked up a few art supplies and engaged and explored at tables around the room, losing themselves in possibility.

It was a sight to behold for Fay Wilkinson, a registered expressive arts practitioner who has been the co-ordinator of the studio for the past three years.

"It's a place to come and create around things that matter," she says, in between kind greetings from guests. "It's a community space. It has to be run by the community. And it is."

Wilkinson acknowledges the team of volunteers behind the studio who have pulled it all together – from the guides who volunteer their time and services, to the people who donate materials, to the community members who have donated what they could to take part in programs and to John Beachli, who alleviates the not-for-profit group's stress by donating the space for the studio.

"Without John Beachli, we wouldn't even be standing here right now," says Wilkinson. "He doesn't want the accolades, he just does stuff. His heart is gold. We're very grateful to him."

Wilkinson also acknowledges the support of the community through Canoe FM, which donated more than \$6,000 to the studio in 2016.

"I thought, that's the oil bill for at least a couple of years," she says.

Classes, art time and 'creative interludes,' are often offered in exchange for pay-what-you-can, ensuring the studio is open and accessible to anyone who wants to learn, create or imagine in the space.

"If you've got a lot, leave us a lot," says Wilkinson of the studio's pay system. "If you've got a little, leave us a little. We've never turned anyone away because they don't have money."

That core value, that the studio is a community space for everybody, will stay the same as Wilkinson passes the coordinator torch to Melodie Acero.



Visible Voices Open Arts Studio former co-ordinator Fay Wilkinson and incoming co-ordinator Melodie Acero (front row, third and fourth from left) are joined by just some of the volunteers who collaborate to offer the space to the community./SUE TIFFIN Staff

Wilkinson says Acero and the team will "take it forward to what it wants to be, and what the community wants it to be."

Acero moved back home to Haliburton to be with family after her nephew unexpectedly died earlier this year. When looking for a place to hold afterschool art classes for high school students, it's hard to say if she found Visible Voices, or Visible Voices found her.

"I was looking for a space to do something with the kids to help everyone through the grief process," she said. "I came looking for a space to work with kids and then was offered a beautiful role in an amazing space. I'd heard of something going on, but you can't really envision it until you're here. Especially having experiences with art in other communities and then be able to come back here and see the space in the studio, you really realize what a gift it really is."

Acero, who has an art background from Emily Carr University of Art and Design and a master of education and psychology, is hoping people will continue to reach out to help fill slots open for programming and ensure everyone can make use of the studio to make it work.

"It's a combination of some people who are creative naturally and some who are looking for something new," she says. "Really it's about a place coming together to do just that – to talk, and explore."

Wilkinson said there are too many incredible moments over the years to pick just one that stood out, but points to a black frame filled with a multi-panelled quilt project, standing sturdily nearby, as one of the latest projects to make an impact.

"Our community conversations piece was in collaboration with Community Support Services, where each panel tells a story," she says, pointing out the quilt of colourful, visually descriptive patches. "Now we see it all put together, and it sort of stops your breath. It's about people creating things they didn't think they could do, about things that matter."

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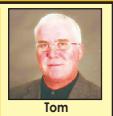
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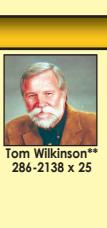
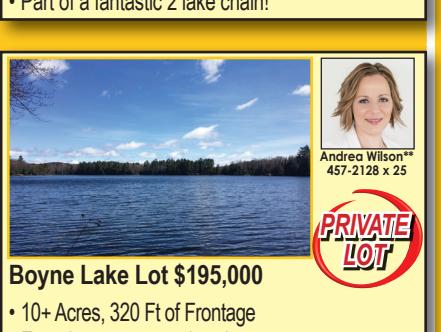
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Terror on Wonderland Road back again this year

JENN WATT

Editor

Haliburton's spookiest Halloween attraction will continue this year in a condensed version.

Terror on Wonderland Road, which features creepy (at times flat-out scary) scenes to explore, will be up and running on Tuesday – Halloween.

In previous years, the event has included mechani-

cal ghouls with a frightening soundtrack hosted under a tented maze on the Wonderland Road property. Admission donations go to the local food banks.

Terror on Wonderland Road happens on Cathy Barnett's property and she said she's been working to get ready for Halloween, but this year things will be smaller than usual.

Time constraints due to work and lack of sponsorship for the large and spectacular attraction has led her to scale back.

"We are doing it this way because we didn't want to disappoint those that look forward to it and more impor-

tantly we didn't want to let down the food bank as the cost of getting in is a food and/or monetary donation," Barnett said in a message to the *Echo*.

She said organizers are intending to bring the event back to its larger size in coming years once some restructuring is done in terms of volunteers, materials and money.

She hopes even though it is smaller this year, people will continue to donate to benefit the food banks, which need lots of community support.

Terror on Wonderland Road can be found at 1280 Wonderland Road, off County Road 21 near Haliburton.

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Ghouls take over Highland Street

Highland Street was a spectacle as more than 60 costumed people dressed as a baby, celebrities, zombies, vampires and ghouls marched for the annual Haliburton Halloween Parade and Zombie Walk on Saturday, Oct. 28 through the village of Haliburton.



Gelert resident Saskia Tentrees, left, stands with her sons Emmett Litman, 11, and Finn Tentrees, 15, dressed as steampunk time travellers, before marching in the annual Haliburton Halloween Parade and Zombie Walk on Saturday, Oct. 28 through Haliburton. Saskia created all the props and adornments for the costumes.

Auxiliary dinner raises thousands

The Haliburton Legion was packed on the evening of Oct. 21 for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's A Taste of Canada fundraising dinner. Catered by Rhubarb, the feast included such Canadian fare as cedar-planked salmon, roast beef, tourtiere, Ontario cheeses and Maritime shrimp. The meal was served by members of Haliburton's Heritage Ballet and the wine was donated by the Wine Store in Minden. The evening included live and silent auctions, raffles and grossed just

more than \$22,000. The auxiliary anticipated that after expenses, it could end with approximately \$14,000 for the evening. The auxiliary is currently raising funds for blood-testing equipment for the Haliburton HHHS facility, which will cost approximately \$17,500. The equipment will be used for complete blood count with differential blood testing, which screens blood for a variety of illnesses.

-Chad Ingram



Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary president Jacqui Clarkson says a blessing before dinner as patriotically dressed MC Mike Jaycock looks on during the auxiliary's A Taste of Canada gala at the Haliburton Legion Oct. 21. The event included a silent auction and meal catered by Rhubarb. The auxiliary is currently raising \$17,500 for blood-testing equipment for the Haliburton HHHS site./CHAD INGRAM Staff



The Haliburton Legion was packed on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 21.



Haliburton Rotary works to eradicate polio
Decked out in red ponchos, members of the Haliburton Rotary Club walked Head Lake Park on Tuesday, Oct. 24, World Polio Day, to raise awareness of Rotary International's campaign to eradicate polio worldwide. During the past 30 years, the number of cases of polio has dropped from some 360,000, to some 10,000 and during 2017 so far, just 12 new cases of polio have been reported. While once present in more than 120 countries, today the disease exists only in pockets of Pakistan and Afghanistan./CHAD INGRAM Staff

Highlands Christmas Shindig

Saturday, November 25th, 7.30 pm at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Tickets are just \$20.00, available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Sassy Digs in Minden.

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Man who created the Domain of Killien remembered

MARTHA PERKINS

Special to the Echo

In 1979, the Soviets invaded Afghanistan and Count Edouard de Moustier was worried about the Cold War. A veteran of the Second World War, he and his wife Agnes decided that Canada offered a safe refuge should things go wrong again in Europe. With his family, they bought an estate of forests and lakes north of the village of Haliburton. By 1981 they had acquired additional properties, bringing their holdings to 5,000 acres.

Bordering the estate sat a former hunting and fishing lodge on the shores of Drag Lake. It had been built in the late 1920s by Dr. Louis Carroll, the village's first full-time local physician. The property, which was called Haliburton Lodge at the time, appealed to the Moustiers' love of heritage. They bought it and when their sons, Dante and Jean-Edouard, joined them in 1984, the Domain of Killien was born.

Famous for its authentic French cuisine prepared by chefs from France, it would become a standard bearer for understated luxury and refinement among Ontario inns. Celebrating the peace and quiet of its setting, the inn's motto, often heard on radio, was "Master the Art of Doing Nothing... Beautifully"

Count de Moustier died on Feb. 16, 2017 in Chateau d'Oex Switzerland at the age of 92.

He and his wife had just returned to Switzerland, where they lived most of the year, after spending three months at their home on Drag Lake.

Edouard de Moustier, or "the Count" as he was known in Haliburton, was a member of two illustrious French families. His mother, Countess Blanche de Bourbon-Busset, daughter of a dynasty attached to the House of France, was a direct descendant of the Sun King, Louis XIV. His father, Count Philippe de Moustier traced his roots back to early 1100s chivalry.

Edouard's ancestors included Marquis Elie de Moustier, first French ambassador to the nascent United States; when the ambassador was called back to France he sold his house in New York to George Washington.

A close confidant of Louis XVI, at the outset of the Revolution, the marquis joined the queen and king of France in their carriage as they tried to flee Versailles. They were eventually captured, the monarchs tried and executed. Elie survived the ordeal.

For years, Count Edouard de Moustier wore a black armband on Dec. 21, the day his royal ancestor was guillotined.

A multi-faceted thinker, after the war he got a doctorate in law then joined Air Liquide, a French multinational company that produces oxygen and industrial gases. He was known in Paris for his eccentric elegance, love of horseback hunting and the huge carnations he wore in his lapel.

In 1958, he met Agnes Henderson Larcade, a young black American expat, at a party in Paris. They shared a common interest in polyphonic music and their first date was at a church concert.

At 34, Edouard was quite a catch in European society and while his autocratic parents were expecting a marriage that would form an alliance with other aristocratic families, Edouard and Agnes eloped in New York City in 1961.

This caused a scandal in Paris and beyond. Not so much because of race, in a country where her personal



In 2013, Agnes and Edouard de Moustier enjoyed a family holiday Tuscany, where he explored his love of history. /Photo submitted

bearing and manners mattered more than her skin colour, but more because she was a divorced mother of two.

The family moved to Guadeloupe in the French West Indies where Edouard was put in charge of creating and managing new outposts for Air Liquide.

He would eventually participate to French aerospace industry setting foot in Kourou, French Guyana, providing the new base with fuel gases for its rockets. The Countess was made godmother of one of the early space rocket, which eventually floundered in the sea.

Their home in Guadeloupe became an unavoidable social hub of the island. They hosted parties for visiting dignitaries, friends and especially Parisian socialites, anxious to report on the couple that had all but vanished from French society.

When U.S. President Jimmy Carter came to Guadeloupe in 1979, the Countess de Moustier was asked to host a lunch for Rosalyn Carter. Agnes declined because it would have meant cutting down trees in her garden to make room for the First Lady's helicopter.

It was in the West Indies that they rekindled their passion for sailing; in 1976, they crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a 41-foot sailboat and spent many holidays sailing throughout the islands and Mediterranean until well into

their 80s.

Retired from Air Liquide, the Domain of Killien offered them a new project along with the regrouping of the family.

They loved and tended to the forest, creating trails and restoring the cabin that was once Dr. Carroll's retreat on Delphis Lake.

Lyle Bacon, who has worked for the family since the early 1980s, once asked the count why they chose to spend winters in Haliburton. "You can go anywhere in the world and have a beautiful summer," the count told him. "There are not many places where you can have a beautiful winter."

The resort and property — which were named after his ancestral home, Quillien — were sold in 2012 but the Moustiers retained a 400-acre property on Drag Lake.

Edouard de Moustier leaves his wife, the Countess Agnes, sons Dante Larcade and Jean-Edouard de Marenches, and two brothers.

His funeral was in Chateau d'Oex in February and his ashes were buried on an ancestral property near Paris.

A memorial in Haliburton is being planned for late November or early December.

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From mid-season 2016 to end of season 2017, Cindy and Earl Cox of Lakeside Golf set up a toll bridge with all donations going to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. The amount raised was \$819. Cindy and Earl topped up that amount bringing the total donation to an even \$1,000. The Coxes would like to thank all of their members and patrons for their generosity and the auxiliary thanks Cindy and Earl for their fundraising efforts and all the golfers for their support. /Photo submitted by Tracey Lear



Rotary funds youth curling

Rotary Club of Haliburton members Andrew Hodgson, left, Mark Dennys, Ted Brandon, president Steve Roberts and David Zilstra donated \$1,500 to the youth program offered at the Haliburton Curling Club, represented by youth program convenor Hugh Nichol and Bob MacNaull on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at the club in Haliburton. This money will help with transportation for the participants of the program. Rotary has been a long-standing supporter of the club. /DARREN LUM Staff



Todd's fills food banks

Todd's Independent made a donation to all of the food banks in Haliburton County following their Thanksgiving food drive. Store owner Steve Todd, left, pledged to match donations up to \$500. He said donations surpassed that amount. The donations were counted as part of the countywide Fill the Truck fundraiser, which brought in 7,250 pounds of food. From left, Steve Todd, David Ogilvie (4Cs), Ken Mott (Central Food Network), Judy MacDuff (4Cs), Ron Reid (Minden Food Bank), John Teljeur (organizer of Fill the Truck) and Marilynne Lesperance (Minden Food Bank). /JENN WATT Staff



Soyers Lake residents help kids

Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association treasurer Jack McKay, left, and president Larry Grigg presented a \$500 cheque to the Food for Kids program that provides healthy food at the seven schools in Haliburton County. Kids' co-ordinator Aaron Walker accepted the cheque on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at the Point in Time office in Haliburton. Walker said this money will be used for food and for capital expenses. The program accepts donations. See www.foodforkids.ca for details. /DARREN LUM Staff

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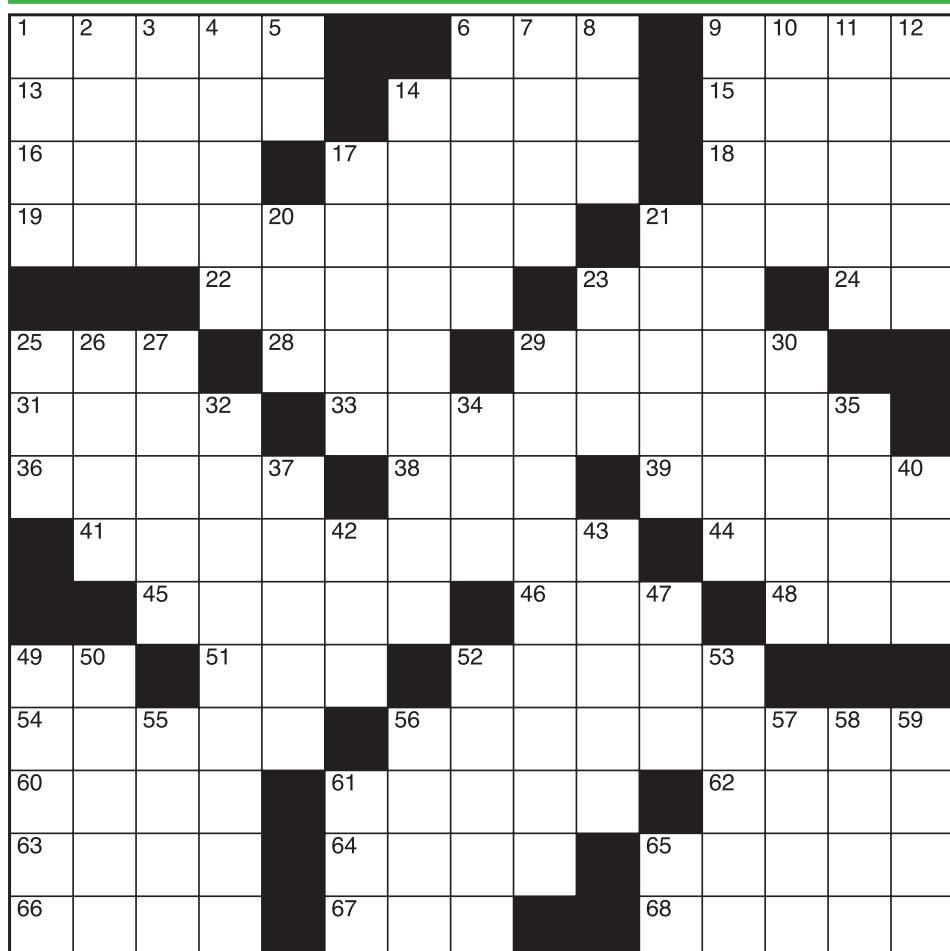
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1. River herrings
6. Body art (slang)
9. Taxis
13. Covered with asphalt
14. Mineral found in granite
15. Assist
16. Handled
17. Not drunk
18. Home to a famous tower
19. Songs
21. A way to designate
22. More infrequent
23. Medical man
24. Tellurium
25. Cycles/second
28. Neither
29. Home to a famous tower
31. Former Ravens tight end Todd
33. One who helps
36. Tries to persuade
38. Israeli city — Aviv
39. Political distance (abbr.)
41. Emergency first aid worker
44. Canadian law enforcers
45. Fathers
46. Drain of resources
48. An awkward stupid person
49. Home of the Wolverines
51. Chinese
52. Gives a hoot
54. Emaciation
56. "Sam Malone"
60. Horses do this
61. Hillsides
62. River in Florence
63. Republic of Ireland
64. Lapse
65. Blemished
66. Backside
67. Woman (French)
68. An edict of the Russian tsar

2. Emit coherent radiation
3. Above
4. Passover feast and ceremony
5. Commercial
6. Rome is on its banks
7. Kershaw and King Felix are two
8. Seaman
9. Stores an electronic charge
10. Teething babies need —
11. Threaten persistently
12. Not fresh
14. Presides over
17. Astronomical period
20. Harding's self-proclaimed mistress
- Britton
21. Nocturnal primate
23. Patriotic American women
25. Vietnamese river
26. Suspect
27. Heroic tales
29. Fences of wooden stakes
30. Venzetti's partner
32. Outermost parts of an area
34. Type of student
35. Noncoding RNA gene
37. Frocks
40. Sunscreen rating
42. Opposite of women
43. Needed to play games
47. A partner to carrots
49. Absolute
50. Disgraced French aristocrat Antoinette
52. End
53. Food eaten between meals
55. Cold wind
56. Streetcar
57. Soluble ribonucleic acid
58. Singles
59. Intersecting point
61. Beats per minute
65. Gold

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Fashion Fallies: the wearable art event is back

GEORGE FARRELL

Special to the Echo

Like a Phoenix rising from the ashes, Fashion Fallies, that funky, wearable-art fall fashion event, is set to fly again. For those not familiar with Fashion Fallies, it's a runway show of outrageous fashions, "an artistic fashion show with a theatrical costume element, where non-traditional fabrics are used; such as metal-forged wings, and dresses made from cabbage leaves."

So says Erin Lynch, who was a founding member and director of Art Hive, that off-the-wall studio/gallery that produced Fashion Fallies in the past. Fashion Fallies had a five-year run, and proved so successful that it moved from the Art Hive on Highway 118, to the community centre in Haliburton. 2011 was the last year that Fashion Fallies was staged. Until now.

Lynch, who is currently the senior studio technologist at Fleming College's Haliburton School of Art and Design, and is also vice-chair of the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands, said "People have been constantly asking about re-staging Fashion Fallies, so I talked to [textile artist] Sandi Luck, the Fashion Fallies originator, and she agreed to be on a committee. And I work at the college now and they've agreed to come on board as a partner," Lynch said. Fashion Fallies is now an arts council event.

With those two major sponsors, plus additional sponsorship from Above Ground Art Supplies, the stage is set. "It's a great opportunity for people like Sandi and [textile artist and designer]

Laura Trach, and for people from outside the county, to have fun by using non-traditional items. They don't really need to be able to sew. Plus it's also an opportunity for the college students to contribute, by modelling some of their own pieces," Lynch said.

Although the focus is on the fashion show, the Fashion Fallies event will be offering a lot more. There will be live music from Nick Russell, plus other surprise performances of theatre, dance and written word. There will be refreshments, a bar, and the whole evening will be tied together with professional panache by the wacky wit of Brigitte Gall, who will be master of ceremonies.

And, as if that wasn't already enough to guarantee a unique evening, not soon forgotten, there will also be a silent auction, featuring one-of-a-kind, hand-painted garments, created by local artists. Wait, there's yet more; door prizes, plus additional prizes for some of the Fashion Fallies submissions. So you can vote for your favourite fashions.

This promises to be one of the highlights of the season, so I suggest you get your tickets while they're available. Fashion Fallies will be taking place at 7 p.m. on the evening of Friday, Nov. 10, in the Great Hall of Fleming College, 297 College Drive. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained in Haliburton at the Arts Council, Fleming College and Canoe FM. Sassy Digs, Ommh Beauty Salon and Wallflower Studio are your ticket options in Minden.

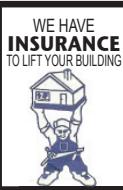
All proceeds go towards supporting Arts Council programs, and the show will go on regardless of the current faculty strike. See you there.



Local dancers Stella Buwaldala, a Grade 9 HHSS student, left, rehearses the dance Collateral with Maryssa Daniko of Minden and her younger sister Mildred, a Grade 6 ASES student for the upcoming Fashion Fallies at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 in the Great Hall of Fleming College. Collateral includes dancers Sebastian Renel, a Lochlin resident and HHSS graduate Felix Scuhr of Algonquin Highlands. Fashion Fallies is a wearable art fashion event, which had been annually held for five years before it ended after 2011. / DARREN LUM Staff

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When: Thursday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Legion

Craft sale season arrives

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west guilford

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The annual Craft and Bake Sale happens Nov. 25 at the West Guilford Community Centre. Vendors can arrange for tables through calling Shontel Morrison at 705-854-0849.

We received the news with great sadness this morning of the death of Nadia Tonello, wife of Ian Cooper of Saskatoon, Sask., on Oct. 27. Nadia had suffered from several serious ailments all of her young life, but she was blessed with the best caregiver throughout these recent years in particular. Our hearts go out to Ian as he copes with this great loss.

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End of highway construction in sight

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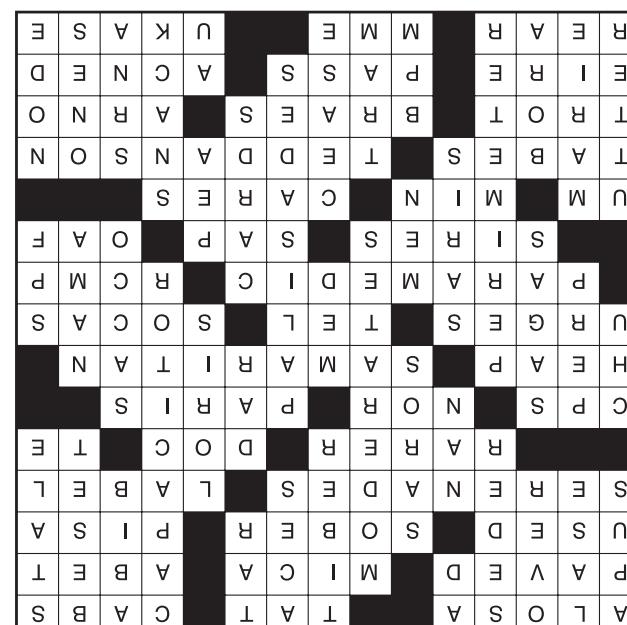
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What a difference a week or even a few days make whether it's weather or road conditions. Last week,



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summer clothes. This week it's autumn attire.

As the end of fall approaches, the construction on Hwy 118 from Haliburton village east to near Loon Lake, which has kept drivers on alert for months, is

near completion. The culvert replacement and tricky

repairs on Dover's Hill and preparation for paving

seemed to go on forever.

Sure must have been frustrating for people living in that area and perhaps working in Haliburton village. Three trips recently in just a few days sure kept me alert. The rain-filled potholes and washboards last Saturday evening were so bad they actually had the grader out early on Sunday to do repairs.

The good news is the end is in sight. And even repairs on both sides of Vinegar Hill are repaired. Hitting the newly paved part is making it all worthwhile. Smooth sailing into winter.

Though one trip was mainly banking business the other two were enriching of mind and spirit.

Saturday evening at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion the final event of the concert series brought Ensemble Vivant to the stage.

Catherine Wilson, piano, and artistic director Corey Gemmell, violin, Sybil Shanahan, cello, Norman Hathaway, viola, and Jim Vivian, bass, performed fine chamber music in a program entitled *An Evening In Paris*. This exciting innovative program "ranged from classical to Latin and other jazz and related popular styles with engaging stage presence." A super evening.

On Sunday afternoon it was the annual gala of the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library featuring Canadian author Jennifer Robson. After refreshments and silent auction at the Pinestone Resort, Ms. Robson spoke mainly of how the story told in *Goodnight From London* took from memories from her maternal grandmother's life. Robson was as much a fine speaker as a writer as she told of life experiences research and her deep interest in history that are all part of her work as an author. If you are reading this, you will have Echo editor Jenn Watt's special last week about Robson and her life and work. Her books about the First and Second World War are available at your nearby library. Read and enjoy.

Still on books. The discussion of J. Wall's memoir *The Glass Castle* by members of the Wilberforce Book Club last Wednesday was possibly the liveliest in the club's history.

Don't miss the craft sale this coming Saturday at the Lloyd Watson Centre. It's on from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beware the Halloween ghosts and goblins that may be abroad in your neighbourhood. They are mainly out for sweets, but may do some spooking too.

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Squash club hosts tourney
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Trappers, land owners oppose policy

Land owners' rights seen as eroded by establishment of four fur areas

Local land owners and trappers have made it clear that they don't like a new fur management policy imposed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

At a public meeting in Haliburton last Thursday night, close to 100 people heard Minden MNR employees Dave Atkinson and Eric Mitchell explain the reasons behind the policy, which will divide the county into four fur management units and limit the number of resident trappers who can operate in each area.

Mitchell said the policy is being imposed across the province in a bid to reduce problems of over harvesting and intense competition for trapping rights in some areas.

"The intent of the program is to limit the number of trappers within a fur management area," Mitchell said, in outlining the policy. The number of trappers permitted in each unit has been determined by the ministry, using average figures from past years.

In Haliburton County, however, the number of trappers has been falling for the last two

years. It peaked at 345 in 1980-81 when fur prices were high, Mitchell said, and at present, there are 290 registered trappers.

Dysart reeve Murray Fearray commented that the concept of increasing competition and pressure addressed by the new policy "Does not add up" with the fact that there are fewer trappers in the county now than there were two years ago.

Mitchell admitted that the problems which sparked the policy have occurred for the most part in southern Ontario, but said it will be adopted province wide because the ministry believes more people will turn to trapping as a form of recreation and an income supplement in the near future.

At the moment, he said, anyone who owns land in the area and has taken a Ministry trapping course can get a trapper's license, but the new policy would limit the total number of active trappers in the county.

"Part of the idea is to get good trappers trapping," Mitchell said.

Under questioning from

Fearray, Mitchell admitted that some pressure for the new policy has come from animal rights groups opposed to the use of leg hold traps.

"They're getting stronger every year, and they're putting a lot of pressure on the trapping program," Mitchell said.

The most controversial aspect of the new policy centres on the rights of landowners. Because trappers may only operate within one fur management unit, land

going to interfere with the preferences of land owners as to who they want to trap on their property if the trapper also holds land in another unit." But he noted that each property owner would have a pool of from 30 to 100 trappers within the unit to choose from.

One man who said he was representing Wilberforce Veneer, a major land holder, noted that the policy will stop landowners from getting the

quotas for fur bearers and limit the number of trappers.

The questioner also envisioned a situation in which a skilled trapper might want to make a living from trapping by acquiring rights on two large tracts in different management units. Under the new policy, that would be impossible. By ensuring that rights to the tracts could not be combined, the new policy meant there would be at least two trappers on the land instead of one, the questioner pointed out.

Fish and Wildlife supervisor Dave Atkinson said "we haven't got the answer to every question. There are a lot of questions in our minds also."

"We aren't here to argue with you," He indicated that the concerns expressed at the meeting would be passed "up the pipe" to policy makers higher up in the MNR.

"It's a new thing, and we have to work on it," Atkinson said.

To the repeated claim that land owners were being shortchanged by the new policy, Eric Mitchell said "it's the trappers who will

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MNR's balancing act fails to please...See page 4

owners would not have the option of allowing a trapper from another area to work on their land, even if they felt that person was the best trapper available.

Many of those who attended the meeting claimed this was a clear infringement on a land owner's control over his own property, an accusation that was not denied by the MNR representatives.

"It is going to restrict certain individuals trapping in certain private land," Mitchell said. "It's

most money they can from trapping rights, since it will take away the possibility of trappers from other units paying for access to the land.

"How can you do that to me as a landowner?" he asked. "It's my land, I pay taxes on it."

Mitchell replied that while a person may own the land, he does not own the fur bearing animals on it. They belong to the people through the Ministry of Natural Resources, and the minister has the authority to set

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Board may close down Dorset P.S.

Dorset Public School may be phased out in June, 1985, the Haliburton County Board of Education's special projects committee has indicated.

In a report to the board, the committee said it will notify the Municipality of Sherborne et al that the school could become "a candidate for closure" at the end of the 1984-85 school year.

While the board's notice does not guarantee the school will be closed, trustees will almost certainly decide to phase it out if there is no improvement in enrolment projections. Currently there are 19 "full time equivalent" students at the school (kindergarten students attend half time), and that number is expected to decline next year.

The Dorset school is the most costly in the county to operate, at \$4000 per student, while in larger schools, the per pupil cost is about \$2500, the board was told.

Declining enrolment resulted in a 1980 decision to drop Grades 5 through 8 at Dorset and bus students to Irwin Memorial Public School in Dwight.

If the Dorset school is closed, all students would be bused to Dwight, and the Haliburton board would pay fees to the Muskoka Board of Education.

Sherborne et al trustee David Villard commented that expansion of the provincial environment ministry's Paint Lake laboratory does not appear to have improved the enrolment picture for the Dorset school because many of the new employees at the centre are settling in the Huntsville and Bracebridge areas.

Director of Education Doug Hodgson emphasized that although the special projects committee believes the school should be considered for closure in 18 months, the board could change its mind.

He noted, however, that with only 19 students at the school this year "if you had two or three families move away you would have an untenable situation."

The board indicated it would be willing to attend public meetings in the community to hear arguments for keeping the school open beyond the June 1985 deadline.

Soccer squad still winning
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Kindergarten students from Victoria Street Public School in Haliburton brought some of the excitement of Hallowe'en to Extendicare on Friday. The youngsters sang songs, visited with 'grandmas and grampas' at the

home, and enjoyed cookies, milk and other treats to complete their party.

Service may assess alcohol problems

Haliburton County residents soon may have access to an alcohol and drug abuse assessment service through the efforts of a group of local citizens.

A Committee for Alcohol and Drug Education, with members from Haliburton, Minden and other areas of the county, has been working for the past year on ways to tackle addiction problems among local residents.

Public awareness programs aimed at parents and young people are one possibility the committee has considered as a means of preventing alcohol and drug abuse. And for those who may already have a problem, the committee may develop a confidential assessment service with help from the Addiction Research Foundation.

Pat Cavanagh, area Children's Aid Society official and spokesman for the local committee, says that while the group is not sponsored by the Addiction Research Foundation, "we have their full backing and support."

Services for alcohol and drug addiction are currently concentrated in Peterborough, Cavanagh noted, but the committee hopes that situation will change.

"We are presently doing a survey of doctors, lawyers, social services people and other individuals" to determine how often they encounter people with drug and alcohol problems, Cavanagh says.

The committee hopes to find out if there is a need for an assessment service in the community, and whether professionals would refer their patients and clients to the service if it was established.

The aim is "to get a better handle on just what is the local situation," Cavanagh says.

Information will be reviewed at a meeting November 9, and a decision made as to how to proceed.

If the survey shows that an assessment service is needed in the community, the Addiction Research Foundation would be called in to train volunteers. The service would be "a place where people could

refer people for a full assessment of a drug or alcohol problem, with specific recommendations about what should be done."

Cavanagh says that "there is a tendency, when you start talking about alcohol and drugs, particularly alcohol, for people to say 'what can you do about it anyway?'. We're saying there is something

you can do."

"We're saying intervention is possible, and at early stages," before addiction problems have become acute.

The assessment service would be both "confidential and professional," Cavanagh says.

At the moment the committee is

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Any theories on the 'big bang'?

Hallowe'en went off with a bang in Haliburton village, but no one knows what that 'bang' was, or who made it happen.

Residents of the village were startled by the sound of an explosion that rattled windows in the village shortly after 11 p.m.

There were reports of a sheet of orange flame in the area of Head Lake Park adjacent to the Information caboose, and firemen, police and other local citizens

converged on the scene. Aside from several hundred pieces of orange paper like material and a black mark on the pavement of the main park path, nothing remained of the 'explosive device'.

Police say no one was in the area when they and firemen arrived to investigate.

There were no reports of damage from the blast.



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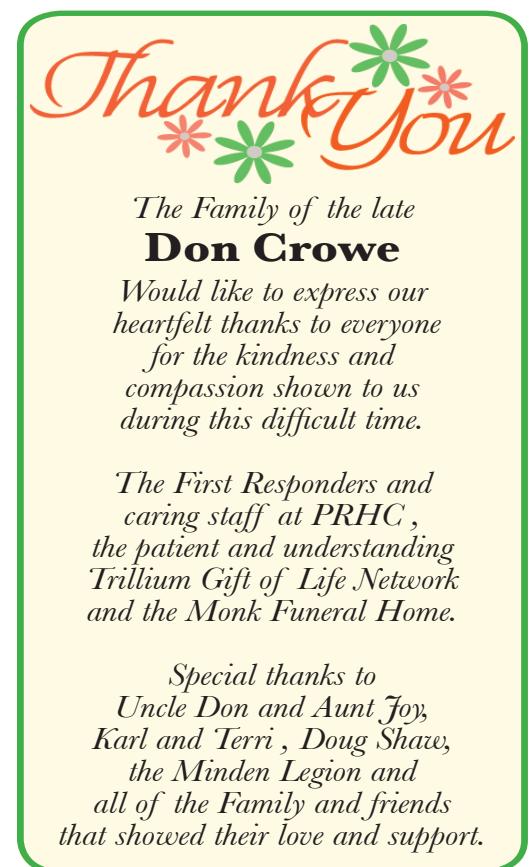
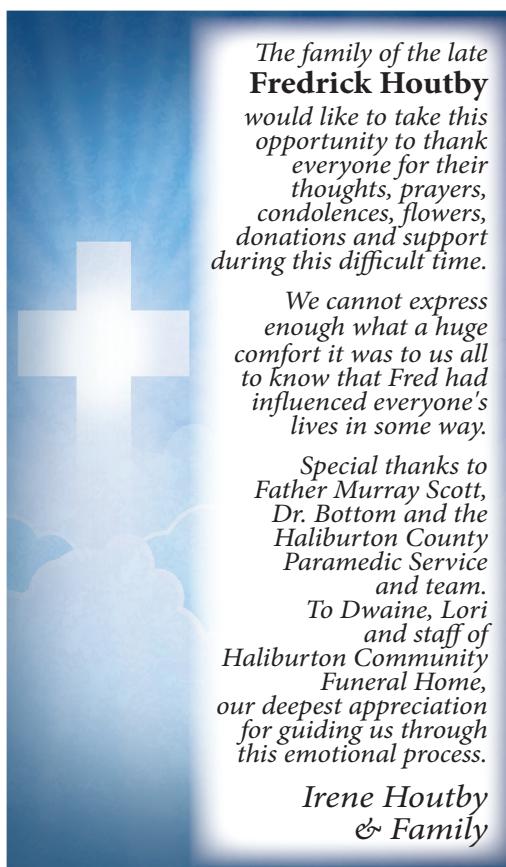
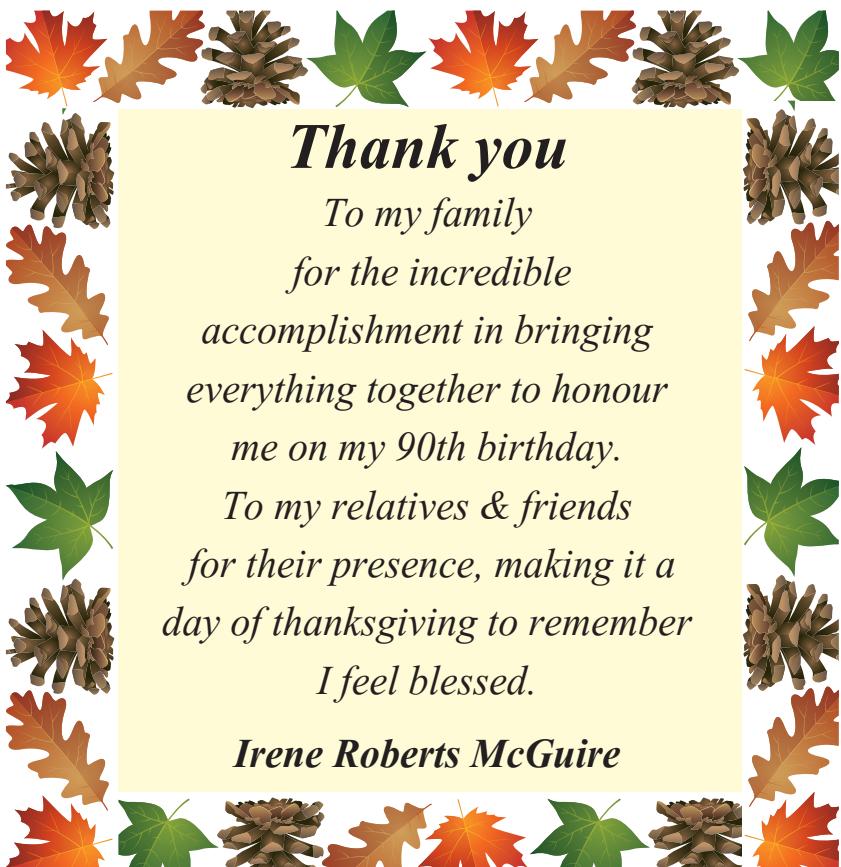
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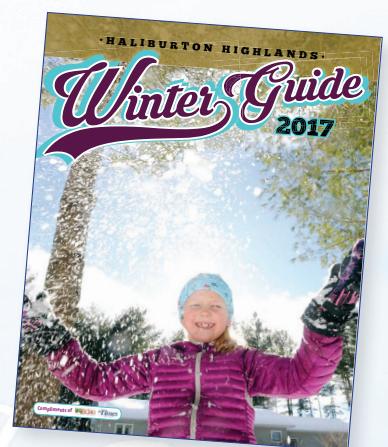
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